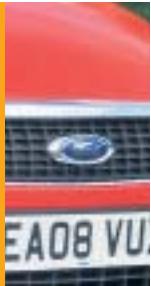




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HAVE TV CHIEFS LOST THE PLOT OVER POIROT?

EXCLUSIVE

■ BY NICK AMES

A STORM has broken out over the filming of a detective series after cash-strapped ITV chiefs were accused of doing their flagship detective drama Poirot 'on the cheap'.

Locations across White Cliffs country, including the countryside around St Margaret's, were meant to be used for the show to be broadcast next year.

But most of the filming is now scheduled to take place in London – with just three days being set aside for location shots.

The show's star, David Suchet, has voiced alarm over the fate of the Belgian sleuth, and industry insiders say cast and crew are feeling annoyed and frustrated about attempts to cut corners on the upcoming instalments.

Location shooting had originally

been planned for St Margaret's Bay and the surrounding area.

But according to reports from industry insiders, this has been cut back.

"Shooting on the first film, The Clocks, is taking place in Islington even though the story is set in Dover, which is highly relevant to the plot," a source revealed.

"They are filming in a tiny wood in Islington near Tony Blair's old pad and can only afford to go to Dover for a few days for the sea shots.

"There's a general feeling of despondency because it feels as if everything's being done on the cheap."

Earlier this summer, Suchet, 63,

who has starred as Agatha Christie's detective hero protagonist for more than 20 years, spoke of his fears for the future of the much-loved drama.

He said: "Look at how many good TV programmes have been axed recently," he said. "I hope it's not inevitable for Poirot."

Names including former EastEnder Phil Daniels, in his first TV role since leaving the soap, Jaime Winstone – daughter of actor Ray – and veteran actress Anna Massey all feature in the upcoming productions of one of the most popular dramas on screen.

Another big-name actor set to appear in the series is former Blackadder and Fall and Rise of Reginald Perrin star Geoffrey Palmer.

The film is titled after the four frozen clocks discovered that read 13

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TV DETECTIVE: David Suchet, pictured in his role as Belgian detective Poirot, fears for the future of the popular ITV drama

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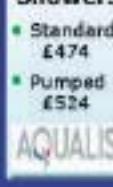
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FORTRESS: Deal Castle especially popular with children, who like to explore its passageways

Historic castle is preparing for a summer invasion

■ BY NICK AMES

DEAL'S 'menacing' castle is bracing itself for its annual invasion by schoolchildren during the summer months.

English Heritage, which runs the site, says the holiday season brings thousands of people to view the storefront historic monument.

It is particularly popular with families as children can explore its passageways, underground chambers and staircases.

Sue Pearson, who works for the conservation group, said: "The castle is one of the town's top attractions and is a unique example of a fortification built by Henry VIII to repel invasion from the sea."

"We are at the start of the tourist season and expect to see our normal influx of visitors. The forecast of good weather will be good news for us as well."

The noticeboard on the outside of the castle describes it as "menacing" because of its squat appearance.

Ms Pearson said: "It's an unusual description, but the fort certainly has some obscure passages and underground rooms for people to explore."

Deal Castle was one of the last in England to be purpose-built as a military fort, able to afford both the power for attack and protection. At the same

time, similar castles at Walmer and Sandown were constructed and these three together provided a formidable defence line along the coastal stretch of The Downs.

The castle is shaped like a Tudor rose, perfectly symmetrical, with a low, circular keep at its centre.

Around the circumference of the keep stand six bastions, rising to the height of the first floor, with a further series of six bastions in the curtain wall, one of which serves as the gatehouse.

All of the outer walls and sturdy bastions are rounded, which provided strength and, more importantly, deflected shot more efficiently than flat walls.

The overall circular design also enabled particularly good artillery coverage, with more than 200 cannon and gun ports set in the walls. Moreover, the entire structure was surrounded by a deep, wide moat.

Although many alterations were carried out during the 18th and 19th centuries, it is possible to see many of the original bastions used as storage areas, and the deep well remains exposed.

In 1648, during the Civil War, Deal Castle was besieged, but after that it never engaged in any further military action. The Governor's lodgings were rebuilt at the beginning of the 19th century, only to be destroyed again in 1941 by German bombs, as Kent came under attack in the Second World War.

TV chef Ainsley ready, steady but won't cook

READY, Steady, Cook star Ainsley Harriott was a visitor to the Three Horseshoes pub in Mongeham along with members of his family.

The TV presenter called in for lunch while on his way to a wedding which also took place in the village.

Staff said he was very friendly but declined to do the cooking as he was on a day off, and added that he enjoyed his lunch and tipped generously.

Shock as mayoress steps down from role

THE Mayoress of Deal, Eleanor Inch, has resigned her position.

She is not a formal member of the town council and was instead invited to take on the position.

Members of the council praised her efforts during her time in the role but added they were in the dark about why she made the decision to resign. A replacement is yet to be decided.

Supersizers tuck into Roman dishes on pier

STAFF from the restaurant at the end of Deal Pier have been adding their skills to a top-rated TV show.

They prepared dishes of oyster and whitebait, which were served as part of The Supersizers Eat programme.

The dishes were a staple of the diet of the Romans when they invaded Britain some 2,000 years ago.

The BBC2 programme challenges chefs to recreate food and drink from British history.

Make the most of free parking while you can

TRADERS are being encouraged to ensure customers make the most of free parking in Deal offered by the local authority for the rest of the tourist season.

Members of the business community say more needs to be done to publicise the concession, which runs out at the end of October.

They added that unless the scheme was taken advantage of, it was unlikely to be repeated and this could be bad news for the local economy, with fewer visitors being attracted to the town.

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Miners invite you to join the celebration

Concert to mark 80 years of Snowdown Colliery

■ BY NICK AMES

THIS year marks the 80th anniversary of the Snowdown Colliery Male Voice Band and Brass Band.

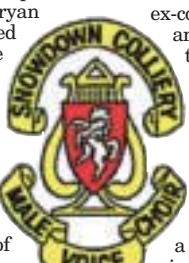
The mines have gone, but the music lives on and a concert is being scheduled for this autumn which will take place in Folkestone.

In 1929, when coal-mines were springing up in the east of the county, a group of miners got together to form the Male Voice Choir and the Colliery Brass Band.

Under the leadership of the first chairman, Maldwyn Jones, up until the stewardship of the present holder of the position, Bryan Marsh, the choir has performed throughout Europe, singing at some world-famous venues.

A website set up for the musicians states: "Over the past 80 years, Snowdown Colliery has witnessed the demands of a world war on the coal-mining industry, economic depression and, ultimately, closure of the mine. Despite all this, the choir has maintained a membership of around 50 choristers and musicians."

"From early days when all members were connected to the colliery, to the



ANNIVERSARY: Snowdown Colliery Male Voice Band and Brass Band is inviting you to celebrate 80 years of music

current membership with its last remaining ex-collier, the standard of performance and enjoyment remains as ever; second to none.

"As with all birthdays we are holding a party to celebrate, at the Tower Theatre in Shorncliffe, near Folkestone. It will be a joint event with the Snowdown Colliery Brass Band.

"We hope 'the great and the good' will be there and we have even made a giant cake to slice into 80 pieces. Each piece will carry with it a memory of the years gone by.

"The concert will be a gala evening with a

varied programme of songs from the choir and band, as well as some joint pieces."

Tickets for the show at 7.30pm on September 12 are available from the Tower Theatre box office on 01303 223925 for £7.50.

Snowdown Colliery, near Eastry, was the first pit in Kent to be opened, in 1907.

It was temporarily halted when water was struck and 22 people died, but it was eventually the deepest in the county.

Nicknamed Dante's Inferno by miners, it was also the hottest. Often they would work naked as it was too hot for anything to be worn and they consumed 24 pints of water during an eight-hour shift to remain hydrated.

The colliery closed operations in 1987.

Mysterious tale draws talented cast

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minutes past four in the room where the dead body is discovered.

The Clocks is a mystery whereby Poirot must determine whether a woman named Sheila Webb – Winstone – is responsible for the murder of a man found stabbed.

A spokesman for the channel said filming was taking place "in several locations throughout Greater London, including studios, and three days in Dover".

The character of Poirot made his debut in Agatha Christie's first detective story, The Mysterious Affair at Styles. This was written during the First World War but did not come out until 1920, after being rejected by a number of publishers.

Christie featured Poirot and his investigations in 33 novels and 51 short stories.

Show producer Damien Timmer said Suchet's ability to nail the part comes from his attention to detail: "He inhabits the part..."

"He immerses himself in the role and spends days watching himself in previous films. So he really does commit to the character and that shines through. That's why he has so many fans across the world for playing that particular character."

Popular locomotive chugs down the line on sightseeing tour

ONE of the last survivors of Britain's historic steam locomotives has roared down the line between Deal



and Sandwich, attracting numerous sightseers.

The engine, called BR Pacific No. 70013, Oliver Cromwell, was pulling the Cathedrals Express from London, which also took visitors to Canterbury.

The historic loco is famous as on August 11, 1968, it hauled British Rail's very last steam train, bringing down the curtain on an era that stretched back to 1804.

It had earlier hauled carriages on the East Anglian routes before becoming the last steam locomotive to be overhauled at Crewe and by the end of 1967 had become the last of its class in service.

In January 2004 an appeal to overhaul the locomotive in time for the 40th anniversary of steam's 1968 last throw was launched and Oliver Cromwell was restored to operation after a four-year overhaul.

It now frequently runs special trains for railway fans, with east Kent lines often a favourite place for excursions.

Historic ring found in field near village

A FOURTH-century silver ring has been discovered in a field near the village of Womenswold.

It dates from the time of the Roman occupation of Britain and is being treated as treasure trove after a coroner's hearing.

It was discovered by metal-detector enthusiast Matthew Welsh from Folkestone and then examined by experts at the British Museum.

He informed coroner Rebecca Cobb he was hunting for objects with the permission of the landowner and discovered the ring a few inches below the ground.

The artefact is engraved with the image of a peacock and several rosettes, and Canterbury's Roman Museum has expressed interest in adding it to its display.

Under British law, objects at least 300 years old and with 10 per cent of their make-up either gold or silver are designated as treasure trove.

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Art society battles to preserve outfits

PRECIOUS wartime outfits at Dover Castle have been preserved after two years of hard work by volunteers.

Four helpers from the Dover and Deal Decorative and Fine Art Society have ensured that Cold War and Second World War uniforms stored in the castle's Stone Hut remain intact.

They had previously become moth-eaten and dusty, with their metal hangars becoming rusty and discolouring the material.

The group has now produced 45 protective bags and 36 padded hangers to help ensure they continue to be preserved.

Kirsty Smith, assistant curator for English Heritage at Dover Castle, said: "According to conservation principles this will significantly increase the longevity of the increasingly rare uniforms."

Volunteers reunite tourist with purse

SPECIAL constables in Dover have reunited a tourist with her purse just hours before she was due to set off on a cruise.

The volunteer police officers were handed the lost purse by a member of the public and after making enquiries managed to track down its owner, who was staying at the Churchill Hotel.

She was thrilled to be reunited with her belongings and explained that her holiday would have been ruined otherwise as it contained cash, credit cards and the keys to her husband's suitcase.

To find out more about volunteering with the police, see www.kent.police.uk.

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Plane-ticket home offer to discourage Calais migrants

■ BY NICK AMES

PEOPLE trying to get into the UK illegally are to be offered cash and a plane-ticket home to discourage them from crossing the Channel.

The Global Calais Scheme – which could be paid for partly by British taxpayers – will be offered to people sleeping rough around the French port as they try to board trucks and trains bound for Kent.

Under the scheme, migrants will be offered a ticket home as well as resettlement assistance and retraining. The French government is also offering 2,000 euros – about £1,700.

British money will go towards paying for the flights back to the immigrants' country of origin.

The plan was outlined by Pierre de Bousquet, state prefect for Pas-de-Calais and the most powerful politician in the region.

He said the cash "will smooth their passage to their home country and enable each and every one of them to realise their ambitions."

"Organisations in their country of origin will ensure they are looked after. We're trying to open their eyes to the illusion of their wish to go to Britain. The UK is not the El Dorado they believe it to be."

"The solution we advocate is voluntary repatriation. These people are deluded by the people-smugglers who have an interest in maintaining their illusions. The procedure is not simply to buy an airline ticket for each person."

But he added that genuine asylum cases would continue to be considered. Last year the French pulled out of a scheme to introduce charter flights to repatriate illegal Afghan migrants, citing humanitarian reasons.

However, Phil Woolas, the immigration minister, has told MPs that the UK and France were "assessing the feasibility of flights back to their country of origin".

The plans have come under attack from the

Conservatives. Shadow Home Secretary Chris Grayling said: "Why will offering people money in Calais stop more turning up?"

"It will make trafficking even more lucrative and be exploited by criminals. If we had an immigration system that was managed properly and a border force that stopped people getting in illegally, then Britain would stop being a soft target."

Susie Squire, of the Taxpayers' Alliance, also attacked the plan. "It's really an admission of failure and incompetence by the UK Border Agency," she said. "Why should taxpayers have to pay towards people who aren't even in this country? There's no way this should even be considered."

Other objections included the cost of sending people back to such places as Iraq, Afghanistan and Somalia as they are not well served by regular air traffic.

A UK Border Agency spokesman said: "We are contributing with the French to the Global Calais Project, which persuades those barred from entering Britain to go home, which will ultimately save the cost of enforcing a removal."

TIME AND TIDE WAIT FOR NO ONE



Six people were airlifted to safety from cliffs after being cut off by the tide. The group had climbed on to a grassy ledge after becoming stranded at Langdon Bay, near Dover, at about 4pm on Monday last week.

Dover lifeboat was called out under the command of coxswain Stuart Richardson, and an inflatable Y-boat was sent inshore to contact to the trapped people.

It was deemed too risky to lower the group down and a Belgian air force Sea King helicopter was flown in to winch them to safety. Mr Richardson said: "This would have been much more serious if there had been no helicopter available because manoeuvring the Y-boat among the rocks to get to the base of the cliff is dangerous."

"To do it six times would have been very difficult."

Anyone wishing to explore the coast is urged to check tide-times first.



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BOLD STATEMENT: Fantastic lighting has transformed Dover Castle into a genuinely eye-catching landmark

Castle lit up by extraordinary refurbishment

THE restoration of Dover Castle's keep has been opened to the public in a blaze of light fit for king of bling Henry II.

Dubbed the most significant heritage experience ever to open in the UK, experts behind the lavish £2.45 million refurbishment of the Great Tower said the extravagant ruler would have been thrilled with the launch.

Visitors had the chance to explore the 12th-century re-creation of the tower's three floors of richly-furnished, brightly-coloured chambers, meeting medieval characters on the way.

English Heritage also became the first organisation worldwide to use the new Digi-Da-Vinci system, where one of the tower's 31-metre walls was turned into a blank canvas to colour in using a virtual paintbrush.

Images, including dragons, eagles and a 31-metre high portrait of King Henry II, were projected on to the wall.

Visit Kent and the county council worked with English Heritage on the project launch.

Louise Dando of English Heritage said: "It was a unique celebration and I think the exterior of the tower truly became as astonishing as the new interiors are."

"This is a landmark project for us and one which will add a totally new dimension to the Dover Castle experience."

"There really is nothing like this elsewhere

■ BY MARIJKE COX

in the country – it will immerse guests in a vibrant medieval world on a grand scale."

According to research by Professor John Gillingham at the London School of Economics, Henry II was a medieval king of spin.

It is believed after fresh examination of his accounts that the death of Archbishop Thomas Becket by Henry's followers in 1170 sparked a mass shopping spree in an attempt to assert the king's power.

Research suggests that the Great Tower was built as a PR campaign at a time when the shrine to Becket was becoming popular.

According to experts, at the time of his reign the castle was a place of "Versace-esque bling and entertainment".

Dr Edward Impey, who directed the restoration for English Heritage, said: "Henry II was making an extraordinarily bold statement when he built the Great Tower."

The cult of St Thomas Becket was a big issue for him and he wanted foreign pilgrims to be greeted with an in-your-face symbol of his wealth and power. I'm sure he'd have launched it like this if he'd had the technology."

The restoration was partly funded by the Sea Change programme delivered through the Commission for Architecture and the Built Environment.

The short film shall have them

A MOTHER and son from Dover have landed parts in a new short film set to hit the international market.

Karol Steele, 46, and Ben, 15, from Buckland Avenue, will step in front of the camera for the third time in 12 months, this time for KETV-commissioned film The Sea Shall Have Them.

The film, based on a short-story by award-winning novelist Anne Perry, tells the tale of a modern-day schoolboy transported back to the reign of Elizabeth I. The makers hope it will be released on to the American film market as well as in the UK.

It is being shot at the Fred Martin studios in Barton Road, Dover, and on location at



Astor College and in Canterbury. Karol and Ben both starred in the award-winning short film Washed Up which was filmed on

NEWS IN BRIEF

Family fun with free film

A FREE screening of Monsters Vs Aliens is being held at Connaught Park in Dover.

It will be the third *al fresco* cinema event being held by the district council following the success of previous years.

The film will start between 8.15pm and 8.30pm on Friday, August 28, with gates opening at 7pm. Visitors are welcome to bring picnics, but alcohol is not permitted.

Nigel Collor, cabinet member for access and property management, said: "Following the success of this event over the past three years, we are looking forward to another great evening in this superb setting."

Tickets can be collected from Dover District Council offices and the main council offices in Whitfield, with a maximum of five per person. Proof of being a district resident is needed and you must be over 18 to collect them.

Children aged five and under do not need a ticket.

Save on Calais attractions

SEAFRANCE Ferries is offering half-price entry to tourist attractions near Calais.

The offer is valid until Sunday, September 20, and includes nine places of interest.

Family entry, for two adults and up to three children, has 50 per cent off, or for individual tickets there is 20 per cent off.

Customers just have to keep hold of their SeaFrance car-lane hanger and show it on entry to the attractions, which include the Calais Lace Museum, The Blockhaus and Calais War Museum. Visit www.seafrance.com, or phone 0871 2222500 for details.

Police give charities cash

A NUMBER of charitable groups in the district have been awarded cheques from the Kent Police property fund.

Dover Sea Cadets, Dover Gymnastics Club, St John's Ambulance and Macmillan Cancer Support were all handed £300 from Chief Superintendent Chris Hogben at a presentation at Folkestone police station. The funds were raised through the sale of items seized in operations or unclaimed lost property.

Chief Supt Hogben said: "All of the groups provide an important service to people in the community and it is our pleasure to be able to help them out with these donations."

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Meet two successful students who joined this course after Year 11:

Conor did well at school but he found it boring and wanted more freedom. He decided to try engineering after an interview at the College.

"I've really enjoyed my course as it has mechanical, electrical and maintenance aspects as well as key skills, so it has opened up a lot of options for future course and career choices. The tutors are really able to get the information across and always ask if you need help. You also have a pastoral tutor to support you. Mine, Wendy, was great. If you had any problems at College you could discuss them with her and she would help sort them out."

Conor adds:

"I liked the learning methods on this course because of the heavy emphasis on practical skills. You have to focus a lot and every detail is vital. I am now progressing onto the BTEC National Diploma in Engineering which is a 2-year course. I've made lots of friends here and I am really pleased that there will be 5 of my friends joining too."

After the National Diploma, Conor hopes to find employment working as an engineer on tower cranes or generators.



Joshua didn't enjoy school and much preferred doing things with his hands to academic studies. Joshua left with mostly Ds or Es in his GCSEs but had also done well on an introductory engineering course. From the age of 13 he has been helping and working for the Romney, Hythe & Dymchurch Railway.

"I asked the railway for a full-time job but was told I had to be 18 and also that I required broader engineering skills. I was not at all sure about College after my experience at school but was persuaded at interview to give it a go. So I started the course, found I liked the College and not only discovered aspects of engineering that were completely new to me such as milling, but also found the maintenance training really useful."

During the course Joshua was in a team of 3 who were awarded a "Vernier Caliper" (a valuable piece of measuring equipment) for good attendance, safety awareness and quality of work. This included milling and turning work to 0.1mm accuracy.

Joshua commented:

"I'm really pleased I did the course. I have a recognised engineering qualification covering mechanical and electronic engineering which I can use as a springboard for further qualifications in the future, and I leave the course with broader and more finely tuned skills which will help me enormously in my new job on the railway. The work involves workshop work, track maintenance, signal box work and eventually I get to drive a train."



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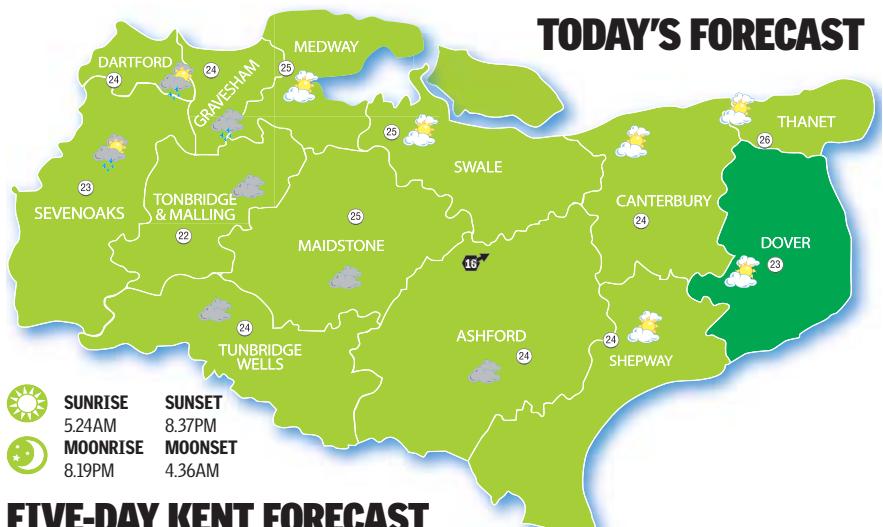


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Eubank's knockout finish to long walk

ECCENTRIC ex-boxer Chris Eubank has agreed to meet Dover's carnival court at the finishing line of its charity trek from the port to Brighton.

The 80-mile walk, starting bank holiday weekend on Saturday, August 29, is in aid of ten-year-old Hayley Okines, who suffers from a rare terminal disease called Hutchinson-Gilford progeria syndrome. It affects just one in eight million newborns, causing accelerated ageing and short life-expectancy.

Hayley was made an honorary princess at July's Dover carnival, with funds raised at the parade going towards her treatment.

But Mandie Sehmbi, chairman of Dover Carnival Association Ltd (DCAL), now wants to do more to help the youngster and has planned a charity trek from Pencester Gardens to Hayley's home town of Brighton.

The DCAL committee, court members and carnival friends are taking part.

She said: "It will be challenging, but we are determined to do more for this wonderful, inspirational little girl and her family. The carnival day raffle raised £1,000 for Hayley and we hope to get at least £2,000 from the walk."

To add to the court's excitement, Mr Eubank has jumped at the chance of meeting the walkers at the finishing line in Brighton.

The court is also looking for someone to donate printed T-shirts for the walkers, as well as two minibuses to store supplies.

Cheques towards Hayley's treatment can be made payable to Hayley Okines, c/o 49 Noah's Ark Road, Dover CT17 0DD.

To sponsor the walkers, phone Ms Sehmbi on 01304 211776 or 07867 973029, or email mandielaw1966@hotmail.com.

The walk starts at 10.30am at Pencester Gardens on Saturday, August 29, and finishes in Brighton on Monday, August 31.

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Q&A

The fund-raising intern for Macmillan Cancer Support in Kent spoke to **Jon Coates** about working as a volunteer and her mission to make the World's Biggest Coffee Morning a key date in all our readers' diaries

Q Can you tell us a little about yourself?

A I'm 21 and was born in Maidstone. I went to Maidstone Girls' Grammar and am now studying English at Loughborough University.

Q You're back home for the summer break. What made you decide to volunteer with Macmillan Cancer Support?

A I've done a lot of fundraising in the past so I have always been interested in the charity sector. With more than two million people living with cancer, it's something which affects everyone's lives so I am proud to help Macmillan, which provides invaluable support to so many.

Macmillan's internship offers experience in areas such as PR, marketing and events management, which is invaluable in a competitive job market.

Q Did the recession influence your decision to volunteer rather than look for paid work?

A Definitely. Before the recession I had some fanciful idea that I would easily find a paid placement over the summer; gaining work experience while paying off debts.

It soon became clear it wasn't going to be quite so straightforward and this forced me to question what my priorities were. I chose the unpaid internship, but in a role I feel is giving me REAL work experience, I like to consider it as a long-term investment.

Q What role have you taken on with Macmillan?

A It's my job to project-manage Macmillan's flagship event the World's Biggest Coffee Morning within Kent. I have to publicise the event throughout the county, encourage as much of Kent to get involved as I can and ensure Macmillan raises as much money as possible, even if that involves dressing up as a giant coffee mug.

So far the role has taken me to some interesting places including a barbecue at Dungeness power station. One of my main objectives is to inform people just how much Macmillan does on a local level and the service it provides other than the famous nurses.

For example, last year Macmillan provided more than £230,000 of grants in Kent alone, to help with things such as travel expenses to and from hospital, or more unusual items such as a fishing rod and wedding dress.

Q Tell us why the World's Biggest Coffee Morning is so important

A It is now in its 19th year and is Macmillan's biggest national event, raising £7.5 million in 2008. This year the theme for coffee mornings is 'feel good' and, despite the economic climate, we are aiming even higher and hope to raise £230,000 in Kent. Macmillan is about 80 per cent of the way to reaching the £1 million it needs to raise for the new Macmillan Cancer Unit at Medway Maritime Hospital.

Q How can people and companies get involved?

A It couldn't be simpler – which is the beauty of the coffee mornings. Just call the hotline on 0845 602 1246 or register online at www.macmillan.org.uk/coffee and we'll send an information pack with everything you could possibly want to host your own event.

All you need to supply is a cup, a kettle, preferably some cake and it also helps if you have one or two friends, but imaginary ones will do as long as they make a donation.

Q What do you hope to do after completing your studies?

A Career-wise, I'm not sure. Events management has always been something I've been interested in, but I also really enjoy writing, so perhaps journalism. I can put off decisions as I intend to go travelling after my degree.

Q Tell us something not many people know about you?

A I'm scared of pigeons. It's a long story that involves Trafalgar Square.

Q Anything you'd like to add?

A My aim is to make the World's Biggest Coffee Morning a key date in everyone's diary and I'd love Kent to be the leading light in supporting the event.

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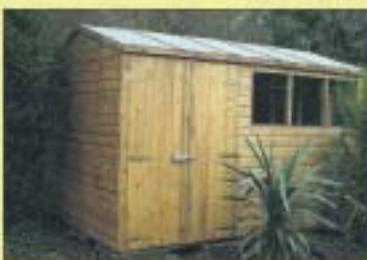
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Michelle loses brave 18-year cancer battle

■ BY SIMON ROBINSON

A MOTHER has died after an 18-year battle with skin cancer.

Michelle Borrett, 38, from Walderslade, died on Monday last week. She leaves behind husband Gary and eight-year-old daughter Grace.

A touching statement released by the family reads: "Michelle was wife and best friend to Gary, mother to Grace, daughter of Bob and Margaret, sister of Nicky and James, sister-in-law to Paul and Nic, auntie to Arne and Jake, daughter-in-law to Barbara and Roy, and friend, adviser and confidant to all who knew and loved her."

"She was one of the kindest, most selfless, helpful and just plain lovely people you could ever wish to know."

Michelle was first diagnosed with malignant melanoma at the age of 21 after doctors told her a small mole on her lower back was cancerous. Surgeons removed the mole and regular check-ups showed no sign of the cancer having spread. Michelle married bank colleague Gary in 1999 and gave birth to daughter Grace two years later.

Just before Grace's fourth birthday in 2005, the young mum found a lump in her groin and investigations revealed the cancer had returned. Once again, Michelle underwent painful surgery to have the lump removed. Three years later a routine scan identified abnormal cells in her lung.

Surgeons removed the cells but the cancer spread once again, reaching her brain in June this year. Michelle's family said it was her wish to raise awareness of the dangers of the sun and malignant melanoma, and handed this paper a moving article written by



FAMILY TRIBUTE: 'Just plain lovely' – Michelle Borrett with her daughter Grace and husband Gary

Michelle in 2006. In it she revealed how devastated she was to hear the cancer had returned.

She wrote: "I was so shocked. I'd come to the hospital on my own. I went round to mum's. 'What am I going to do about Grace?' I wept. 'I just want to be here for my little girl.'

"Mum held me tightly and burst into tears too. We just clung to each other."

She goes on to urge others to protect themselves against the sun.

Michelle wrote: "I just want people to learn from reading my story that the sun is a dangerous thing. When the sun comes out, people in this country go mad for it and sit out for as

long as they can. But people need to cover up and wear sunscreen – or else it could happen to them. Thirteen years after I had my mole removed, it came back to haunt me. I dismissed it as 'just a mole.' Don't anyone else do the same. It's a matter of life or death."

• Last week we reported how two friends were planning to do the Leeds Castle 10k run for Cancer Research UK to support Michelle after her cancer returned for the third time.

Adam Dudley and Nigel Scott now intend to complete the run in the picturesque grounds of the castle, near Maidstone, on Sunday, September 27, as a tribute to her.

Visit www.run10ksponsorme.org/adamdudley to sponsor them.

Plastic cups to combat threat of glass and bottle attacks

A CRACKDOWN on glass and bottle attacks could lead to more pubs serving drinks in plastic cups.

Between May 1 and July 9, there were 50 such attacks in Kent, accounting for 41 per cent of offences that fall under the violent knife crime category.

Kent Police are in discussions with the industry to see how it can reduce the number of glass attacks, with plastic cups and bottles an obvious solution.

Chief Inspector Lee Russell said: "We would encourage the use of plastic cups within pubs and clubs, even though we accept that the vast majority of people go out to enjoy themselves and not to smash a glass or bottle over someone's head."

"There have been conversations about this for a long time and it usually comes down to cost."

He said that while plastic cups may prove unpopular at first, he was confident people would soon get used to them: "It's a cultural issue that many people prefer drinks in glasses."

"But many will already be familiar with plastic containers that are used at music events, for example."

The issue of glass attacks was brought up during a presentation by Ch Insp Russell at a Kent Police Authority meeting.

But Phil Thorley, operations director of the Broadstairs-based Thorley Taverns chain, said that while plastic containers were suitable on occasions such as outdoor events, they were not necessary inside the majority of premises.

He said: "Pubs are generally very safe places to enjoy alcohol and if they are well-managed and well-run, there is little need to replace glasses with plastic containers."

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Maidstone makes it in to Grand National mix

■ BY RACHEL MCATHY

HE was once dubbed “the worst racehorse in history” – now a steed named after our county town has made a little history after becoming the youngest to qualify for the world’s most famous steeplechase, the Grand National.

And given his name, bookies are bracing themselves for a rush of wagers on the horse if he eventually lines up in the showcase steeplechase at Aintree.

Four-year-old Maidstone Mixture clinched the chance to line-up before a global TV audience of millions with a win in a recent qualifying event. In doing so he achieved the blend of height, weight, ratings and race wins required.

However, don’t start planning that flutter just yet. His well-known owners don’t intend to enter him for the race for another few years.

Maidstone Mixture is owned by millionaires Fergus and Judith Wilson – the former teachers who shot to fame after leaving the classroom to dabble in property. Their wheeling and dealing has made them one of the nation’s wealthiest couples, with a portfolio of hundreds of homes across the county.

They’ve already entered runners into the Grand National in the past, but this one is particularly special to them.

After a poor performance in the Derby last year the stallion was referred to as the “worst racehorse in history” by racing pundits.

Mr Wilson, who owns around 30 horses in total, told our sister paper Kent on Saturday: “Most horses that race in the Grand National



RISING STAR: Maidstone Mixture is the youngest-ever qualifier to achieve a place in the Grand National

are about nine years old, so it is quite an achievement to already meet the minimum qualification.

“When he ran in the Derby, someone said he was the worst race horse ever, but I think he meant in the race that day.

“But clearly, he was not the worst, as he has won a couple of races.”

He said the horse’s popularity has shot up in the last few months.

“The people of Maidstone all have a stake in his name,” he said.

Earlier this year, one of Mr Wilson’s horses, Cerium, was given odds of 500-1 before running in the Grand National. He eventually finished fifth. Winning the big race has long been a dream of Mr Wilson’s, but he remains grounded about Maidstone Mixture’s chances.

“I have to be realistic, he is not the best horse in the world, but far from the worst,” he said.



HAPPY: The day before his death Henry Surtees had been celebrating a podium finish in his race

Friends and family say goodbye to tragic racer Henry

THE tragically short and thrilling life of Formula Two racer Henry Surtees was celebrated in a moving church service on Thursday.

Family and friends recalled the huge smile, hugs and affection of the 18-year-old from Edenbridge who died in a freak accident while competing in the Formula Two Championship at Brands Hatch two weeks ago. He was struck on the head by a wheel from another car while travelling at 120mph.

Among more than 400 mourners were Formula One legend Nigel Mansell, Williams team co-founder Patrick Head and Lewis Hamilton’s father Anthony.

Mr Surtees had been tipped as one of motorsport’s brightest talents. He was the son of John Surtees – the only man to have won world titles on both two and four wheels.

The service took place at Worth Abbey near Crawley – close to the school where he so recently completed his A-Levels.

The congregation listened in tearful silence as Henry’s sisters Edwina and Leonora did readings and other family members recalled his achievements as a motoring star of the future.

The end of the service saw his remains leave for a private burial with his team helmet placed on top of the coffin.

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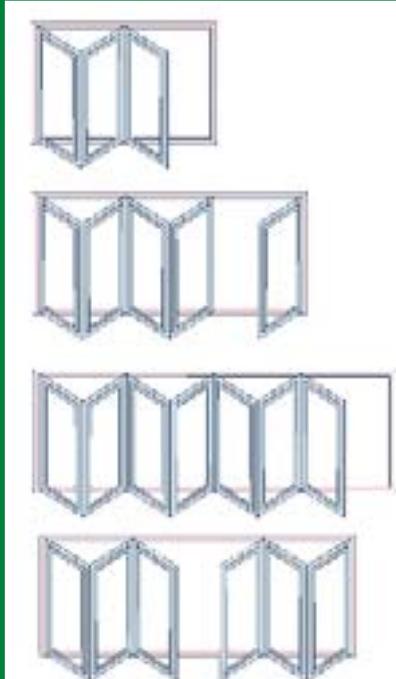


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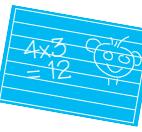
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Historic celebrations are lesson for young and old

■ BY JAMES ALEXANDRE

THERE was a full house for the inaugural talk at Folkestone ArtHist festival, given by Andy Linklater and Dr Paul Dalton.

The audience at University Centre Folkestone heard about the early history of the harbour and the St Eanswythe's religious community, as well as the origin of Castle Hill.

Dr Lesley Hardy of the Folkestone People's History Centre said: "We were very pleased with the numbers at these talks, as we have been with the attendance at others we have put on in recent years."

"It shows there is an ongoing interest in the archaeology and early history of Folkestone."

Visitors of all ages came to the event to see the workshops, demonstrations and stalls.

The centre-piece was a half-size replica of an Anglo-Saxon boat brought along by Regia Anglorum, described as one of the best re-enactment societies in the world, which also set up a campsite in the UCF car park.

A stonemason, wood-carver, silversmith, calligrapher and stained-glass window-maker, spinner and weaver all demonstrated their crafts during the event.

For those who wanted to try their hand at something, there were workshops on medieval tile-making, chainmail, shield and helmet mask-making and bead work.

For children there was also a puppet theatre portraying historical scenes, a story-teller and face-painter, with a tapestry made by pupils from the district's schools.

Annie Begley, who organised a medieval



WIDE INTEREST: Visitors of all ages came to the ArtHist festival held at University Centre Folkestone

ceramic tile workshop, said: "I was busy on both days spending time with the adults and children who took part. They were really absorbed in what they were doing. Some visitors from Australia have asked me to post the tiles they made after they have been fired.

"I was also delighted to watch many parents

and children playing Fox and Geese – a ceramic game I recently created."

One of the festival's organisers Yvonne Hutchcraft said: "We are very pleased with the way the weekend has gone and are already thinking about next year's event and intend to start planning almost immediately."

BREAK TIME



Breaking down the national barriers

SHEPWAY MP Michael Howard visited members of a group set up to help foreign students who live in the district.

He was at Eversley College in Coolinge Lane to speak to members of Shepway Overseas Liaison Group, which was set up in 1997 to act as a forum for language schools, the police and Shepway council.

It was part of Kent Police's annual initiative, Operation Columbus, to promote the safety of hundreds of overseas youngsters who will visit Folkestone this summer.

Under the scheme, a number of 'safe havens' have been established in the town centre for them to seek help if there are any problems.

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Dealing with the dealers is rarely straightforward, but drug enforcement may be about to change



Have we made a habit of accepting the raw deal?

A MAJOR change in drug policing has been suggested by a leading think-tank and it's one which proponents of 'zero tolerance' might find distinctly unpalatable.

The report, by the UK Drug Policy Commission, suggests that busting dealers and seizing their stash may not be the best way to deal with the growing issue of drugs.

Cocaine use has risen massively over the last few years and politicians are beginning to admit the current approach to drug enforcement is not working.

So instead of focusing simply on enforcing the law to the letter, the think-tank suggests a system which aims to minimise harm caused by the illegal drugs trade.

This throws up some interesting and highly controversial scenarios.

Arresting dealers has got to be the right

thing to do, hasn't it? Not necessarily, according to the report, at least in terms of minimising harm to the community.

It argues that removing a well-established drug lord from an area could spark a violent turf war as rivals seek to fill the vacuum.

This leads to more deaths and violence on the street, which would have a more serious effect on the people living in the area than if the illegal trade had been allowed to continue unmolested.

And the final victor of the violent turf war may be even more ruthless and brutal than his predecessor.

So what would the police do instead?

The think-tank suggests moving the problem away from residential areas where children play, and on to industrial estates and less-frequented parts of a town, minimising the damage to communities.

That's as may be, but I can't see business-owners being overly thrilled with the prospect

of drug deals happening on their doorsteps. But maybe this is the lesser of two evils?

And here I think is the point. The very fact that this report has been written suggests that it has come down to a choice between two pretty unsavoury options.

Either continue business as usual, and watch drug use rise and risk increased street violence and its consequences, or attempt to manipulate the situation, which involves some criminals literally getting away with it.

It's hardly an encouraging position is it? Yet it's good that these issues are at least being talked about and it's clear the problem of illegal drugs has no simple solution.

To read the UK Drug Policy Commission report, see www.ukdpc.org.uk.

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Abbeygail

With a father in the fire services, and a grand-father who was a paramedic, Abbeygail's dream is to work in the Public Services. So the BTEC Certificate in Public Services was a logical choice for her. Abbeygail is really enjoying her two-year course which is equivalent to A-Levels, much preferring the unit-based structure and continuous assessment to the pressure of end-of-year exams.



"Life at College is different: you mix with lots of different people, teachers are approachable and supportive, resources are good and you are treated like an adult. I've learned so much and got so many certificates: fire-fighting, canoeing, etc. And next year we will do first aid as well. We've been on so many different trips. I really enjoyed the team-building trips such as tree-jumping or raft-building."

In her second year of BTEC, Abbeygail plans to send an application to the RAF as she has set her mind on becoming an air traffic control officer.

Callum

After GCSEs Callum enrolled on the Level 1 Diploma in Public Services in Folkestone.

"When I was at school, I wanted to join the Police. That's why I decided to study Public Services. At College, you make so many good friends. We do a lot of team-building activities such as paint-ballng and college challenges and trips such as visiting the army barracks. Tutors are really nice and help you with your work. You work hard but you can have a laugh. It's so much better than school where you are treated like a kid."

Callum likes the variety of subjects studied in his course. *"We study fitness, career opportunities, how to eat healthily, how to apply for jobs... I've enjoyed all units, though I especially like the fitness side. I have also re-taken my GCSEs in English and maths and improved my grades. I want to get the best qualification I can get and I've enjoyed my time at College so much, I can't wait for the next course."*

Ultimately, Callum would like to join the army and train as a royal engineer.



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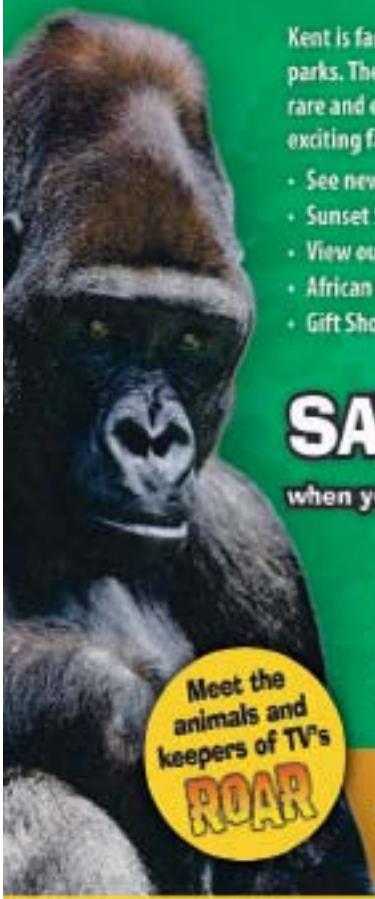
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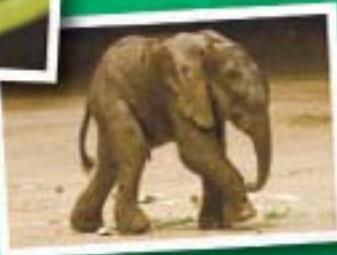
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TALK TIME

KIM COOK

The genealogist talks about her family history firm Orchard Research and why people are so fascinated with finding out about their families' past



How did you first get into studying family history?
I've always been interested in people, their likes and dislikes, background and foibles, but my own family were an uneventful lot, who never spoke about the past.

I was about 12 when, in London, I noticed a parade of shops with my mother's family name above the doors, and was amazed when she said the shops had belonged to my grandfather. No one had ever mentioned this before. Intrigued, I set out to find out more about him, asking everyone who had known him lots of questions - it just took off from there.

Why do you think people have the desire to dig into their families' pasts?

It probably reflects the changes in society. Social mobility, leading to the break-up of the extended family, and the insecurities of war and recession, have all led to people feeling increasingly adrift. Knowing where your ancestors came from gives a sense of security and belonging.

What information do you need to have to find out about your family history?

What is needed is access to primary (*i.e.* original) sources relating to the area your ancestors came from. If you have Kentish ancestors, there's a wealth of information in the County Record Offices at Maidstone and Strood and in libraries. However, where the original records have not been filmed, you still need to travel to the area you're researching, or get a professional to do the research for you. Orchard also offers this professional service.

YOUR LETTERS

Sustainability needs more publicity

Kent County Council has let down the county by failing to implement the Sustainable Communities Act.

The Act would have permitted KCC to create long-term committees with representatives from a variety of groups to assist in the overall goal of increasing Kent's sustainability for the future.

Kent County Council should have used the Sustainable Communities Act to engage with and harness the skills of a wide variety of groups and individuals concerned about sustainability.

It chose instead to note the Act as part of its environmental obligations, which in practice will mean little - if anything - will actually be done.

I am amazed that such a significant piece of legislation to promote local democracy, community involvement and sustainability was not subject to any engagement by KCC with communities.

Simply putting it on its website alongside 50 other consultations does not constitute engagement.

We didn't know about the consultation as it was not publicised and we try to keep an eye on KCC. What chance do individuals or community groups have, especially as the Act has not had the publicity it deserves?

We ask KCC publicly to go beyond a simple consultation and engage properly with community groups and individuals via the media to build ideas for

submission to them.

There is likely to be a further submission date on the Sustainable Communities Act later this year or next and KCC should radically improve publicity when this occurs.

Stuart Jeffery
Kent Green Party

There's no going back if you get ID

The NO2ID campaign has criticised last week's unveiling of the design of proposed ID cards as a distraction from the real issues behind the scheme.

Home Secretary Alan Johnson plans to go ahead with the ID Cards scheme and the new database of personal information behind it, despite polls showing 68 per cent of the population think state databases already hold too much information about them, and 79 per cent believing the £5 billion cost would be better spent elsewhere.

The cards' appearance is a distraction from the real issues. This is another step towards the snooper state.

Anyone accepting one of these cards will be fingerprinted and have their daily lives monitored via a £5bn database gathering details of how they use it.

ID card-holders would be forced to report every change in their personal details for the rest of their lives and would never be allowed to hand the card back.

Only three weeks ago the Government enacted fines of up to £1,000 for anyone losing or damaging an ID card or failing to buy a new one every ten years.

Whitehall's identity cards scheme has no place in our

country and must be scrapped immediately.

Ian Taylor
NO2ID

Be sure you are not supporting cruelty

Despite a UK and EU ban on the use of animals to test cosmetic products, large numbers of cosmetics available in high-street stores still contain ingredients that have previously been tested on animals.

Contrary to popular belief, until 2013 cosmetic companies are still allowed to market and sell products within the UK and EU that have been tested on animals in other parts of the world.

The British Union for the Abolition of Vivisection (BUAV) is urging shoppers to only purchase cosmetics that are BUAV-approved (via the Humane Cosmetics Standard), symbolised by the leaping bunny logo.

This remains the only way for consumers to know their products are cruelty-free, thereby ensuring they are not supporting the continued cruel use of animals in cosmetic and toiletry testing.

The BUAV has also set a target to have ten high street brands go cruelty-free (BUAV-approved) by March 2010 as part of our campaign to put an end to the pain and suffering inflicted on animals in the name of beauty.

For a full list of BUAV-approved companies and to learn more about how you can support this important campaign, see <http://www.buav.org/its timetoact>, or email gocrueltyfree@buav.org.

Michelle Thew, BUAV

Water companies can have no excuse

I read last week how water companies may be forced by industry regulator Ofwat to slash their prices.

Well, with the downpours we have had this summer in recent weeks there certainly should be enough of it to go round.

When the earlier forecasts of fine weather came, I thought to myself it would be an excuse to introduce rationing, hosepipe bans and all the other things these companies seem to love implementing.

They can have no complaints about supplies available to them now and should be able to reduce prices to help families struggling in the recession.

Terry Hayes,
by email

County cricketers are doing us proud

Great showing by the Kent Spitfires to outplay Durham in the Twenty20 quarter-final and set up yet another appearance at finals day.

Just a win over Somerset and then we can see the season extend right through October as Kent become one of the two English clubs to take part in the international champions of Twenty20 tournament in India.

Promotion to Division One of the County Championship would be a nice bonus and we could put the disappointments of last year behind us.

Howard Cummins
by email



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Last year, Kent raised more than £180,000 through coffee mornings across the county. This helped fund such things as the 120 countywide team of Macmillan professionals and contributed towards the £232,367 of financial grants.

To allow Macmillan to continue providing support to people affected by cancer, we are urging Kent to make their coffee count and get behind World's Biggest Coffee Morning. The event couldn't be easier to take part in. All you need are a few friends, a kettle and some tasty treats. And although the fundraiser takes place next month, don't let that hold you back. You can hold your coffee morning any day, anywhere, at any time. It doesn't matter if you raise £10 or £200, because every penny makes a difference.

With more than 7,000 people being diagnosed with cancer each



year across the county, there has never been a more important time to get involved, particularly as Macmillan is fundraising for the new cancer care unit for Swale and Medway.

So join the rest of the UK for the World's Biggest Coffee Morning. To hold your own coffee morning, call 0845 602 1246, quoting ref RNA 10, or visit www.macmillan.org.uk/coffeeandregisteronline.

Helen Evans, Kent fundraiser, Macmillan Cancer Support, by email



Such slow progress

Regarding last week's blog, I have just one thing to say: technology doesn't speed up transactions, it slows them down.

Paying by card in a queue in either a supermarket or at a station is far slower than just handing over cash, even when everything runs smoothly. At least half of the time the number is entered wrongly, or the card not read properly, or some other nonsense.

To pay for a ticket for £19 means if you hand over a £20 note the whole thing is over in a matter of seconds.

To use a card, wait for tickets and then a receipt takes ten times as

long. It's the same when buying the weekly shopping. It takes ages to stand behind people who clearly don't really know how to use cards.

Bring back old-fashioned cash.

Clive Griggs, by email

Play safe in summer

With the school holidays here, I would like to appeal to parents to ensure their children stay safe by staying out of quarries this summer.

Already this year, two teenage boys have been killed in quarries.

A 15-year-old drowned at a quarry in Derbyshire, while an 18-year-old fell to his death in Warwickshire.

Both quarries were old workings protected by fences.

The danger is real and the Mineral Products Association is raising awareness to try to prevent any more tragic deaths. The message is simple: Stay Safe ... Stay Out. It is not only illegal to trespass in quarries, but it also extremely dangerous.

Our members take their responsibilities seriously. Many liaise with local schools, are in regular contact with emergency services and maintain their fencing. Some sites even use CCTV and security guards.

But we need the help of parents, teachers and youth workers.

Please keep your children safe by ensuring they are aware of the dangers posed by trespassing in your local quarry.

Simon van der Byl, executive director, Mineral Products Association, by email

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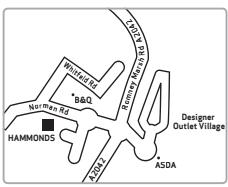
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WHILE Iceland sucked in cash from hapless UK savers before its banks crashed it has also welcomed Britons surprised how cheap it is to visit there.

Setting out from the capital of Reykjavik, less than a three-hour flight from the UK, I found that the city soon gives way to moss-covered lava fields, snow-capped mountains and ever-changing glaciers, interspersed with geothermal pools, geysers and powerful waterfalls.

Our driver Ragnar, who runs tours in a customised superjeep, avoided the overcrowded tourist trails while taking in Iceland's Golden Circle, a trio of the south coast's highlights.

The island's precarious position on the Mid-Atlantic Ridge, where the North American and European tectonic plates meet, accounts for the almost entirely volcanic origin of its rocks. With the plates still moving, Iceland grows at about half an inch per year. The landscape, however, is unbelievably barren.

Volcanic eruptions occur once every three to five years, but many are concealed by the island's ice caps, which cover roughly 12 per cent of the country.

As the land underfoot constantly changes, Iceland hosts a series of spouting hot springs heated deep underground, which erupt through fissures in the ground.

Summertime in Iceland brings endless daylight and lush green panoramas broken only by the many colourful wild flowers. While the warmth nurtures nature back to vibrant life, the local calendar bulges with a myriad of events and activities.

Geographically only slightly smaller than England, Iceland has a population of around 300,000 – about the same as Coventry.

While its unspoiled landscape provides a chance to escape from it all, your weekend will have its surreal moments.

Sitting in a hot tub, looking out on Mt Hekla – one of Europe's highest volcanoes – I saw the

■ BY WESLEY JOHNSON



WONDER: Iceland's famous Blue Lagoon weather change from sunshine to snow to hail to rain and back again within 40 minutes or so.

The hot tub in question was outside the Hotel Ranga, a country resort that welcomes its guests with a ten-foot polar bear in the foyer and a gourmet restaurant serving smoked pufin, among other local delicacies.

The south coast offers the prospect of some thrilling off-road driving.

When we stepped from our superjeep to see a glacier melting and retreating before us, no other soul was around.

But for tranquility and relaxation, you can't beat the famous Blue Lagoon, a geothermal spa fed by the water output of a nearby power plant. Its water stays at about 30-40C, is rich in silica and is known for its positive effects on the skin.

While I remain unconvinced that I will look young forever despite slapping all that white goo on my face, the waterfall offers an invigorating massage, taking you back to nature in a stunning setting amid craggy black lava.

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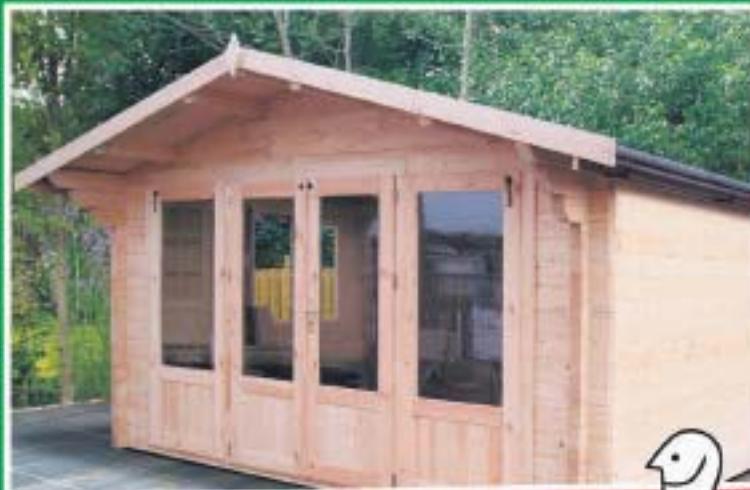
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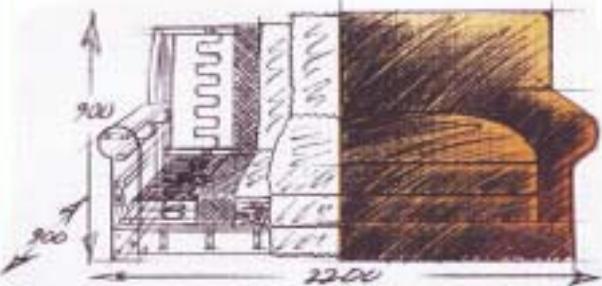
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Starry-eyed Julie returns

Legendary folk icon is still going aged 70

JULIE FELIX

Saturday, August 8
Granville Theatre, Ramsgate



CALIFORNIAN singer-songwriter Julie Felix became a folk icon when she arrived in Britain in the 60s.

She became the first solo folk artist to be signed by a major British record label and was truly taken to the heart of her adopted nation.

At the age of 71, she has enjoyed a career that spans five decades and still commands a loyal following.

This weekend she visits Kent to showcase the songs that have made her such a successful artist.

Felix arrived in Britain in 1964, having hitchhiked through Europe with her guitar. Before long she had made history by signing with influential record label Decca and later became the first British-based folk singer to perform at the Royal Albert Hall.

Colour

As resident singer on The Frost Report, she impressed television bosses enough to land her own BBC series, the Corporation's first to be broadcast in colour.

Her admiration for the work of Bob Dylan became apparent very early in her career, with a cover of When The Ship Comes In featuring on her second album.

She followed this with another record, Julie Felix Sings Bob Dylan & Woody Guthrie, and would release another album of his tracks in 2002, called Starry Eyed and Laughing.

During the 70s she had more success while signed to legendary producer Mickie Most's RAK label. But the 80s would see Felix taking a break from the music industry for a few years and returning to her native California.

Several years later, she returned to music after witnessing the injustices suffered by the indigenous people of Central America and felt inspired to write and sing again.

Although she spends most of her time in Britain, she also has a home in California.

But touring has always been a big



THE SHIP COMES IN: Popular singer Julie Felix will be performing in Ramsgate

part of her life and she still enjoys the magic that comes with performing live on stage in front of appreciative audiences.

In June last year she celebrated her 70th birthday with a sell-out gig at

Gateshead's Sage Theatre and her subsequent tour of Ireland also sold out every venue.

The performance starts at 7.30pm. Tickets cost £10/£9. To book, call the box office on 01843 591750.

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DOVER REGATTA

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SPECTATORS can enjoy action on land, sea and air as Dover Regatta gets under way this weekend.

The entertainment begins with a splash as the beating of the drums marks the start of the perennially popular Dragon Boat Racing. This traditional event will kick off a thrilling weekend of action, such as the powerboats and Thunderscats demonstrating their speed and agility around their courses.

The graceful sailboats moving across the harbour will provide a more sedate sight and there will be plenty going on in the skies above the sea as well. From the exhilarating exploits of the



Tigers parachute team to the spectacular firework display and Skycharter's helicopter rides over the harbour and castle, there will be almost as much entertainment up in the clouds as on the waves.

Down on the promenade, people can browse the continental market along with the trade and craft stalls. The army will be returning with their inflatable assault course, while Gordon Skeggs will host the Just Unique Roadshow and the beach party on Saturday evening. See www.doverregatta.co.uk.



BOHEMIA UKULELE BAND

Saturday, August 8
Tower Theatre, Folkestone

THE enormously popular Bohemia Ukulele Band is returning to the Tower Theatre for another top quality concert.

With the use of five ukuleles and a fretless bass, the band has created a quirky, entertaining sound that

delights audiences and has built up a strong following. With their outlandish style and zesty approach, they give performances that are visually entertaining as well as musically.

They take audiences on a journey through the decades with songs from the bluegrass, swing, country, pop and R&B genres, along with their own material, to create an experience that leaves people with a real feel-good sensation.

The Bohemia Ukulele Band is highly acclaimed within the industry, with Lady K of London's Black Cotton Club describing them as 'simply wonderful'. According to BBC Radio 6 Music, the band is 'an amazingly entertaining act' and Kent audiences should not miss the chance to see them perform.

The concert starts at 8pm and tickets cost £9/£7.50. To book call the box office on 01303 223025.

BROADSTAIRS FOLK WEEK

Friday to Friday, August 7-14
Various venues, Broadstairs

FESTIVAL fever returns as Broadstairs Folk Week brings a kaleidoscope of entertainment to the town.

People from all over the world flock to Thanet every summer to enjoy the diverse range of concerts, activities and workshops. More than 500 events will be taking place across the town, offering everything from clog dancing to the March of the 100 Ukuleles.

Whether you prefer Hot Club of Cowtown or the Trouser Trumpets, there is something for everyone in this year's packed schedule, including performances by Spiers and Boden (pictured), Devon Sproule, Eric Bogle,



Faustus, Shirley Collins and GloryStrokes. There are free children's activities on the Bandstand every day and lots of other attractions such as the Torchlight Procession, Clarence the Dragon and the Hooden Horses.

This year's festival has something of an American

theme and events include Woody Guthrie - A Life in Song and The Liberty Tree, in which Leon Rosselson and Robb Johnson explore the work of Tom Paine.

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They will be at the Park Inn in Park Place at 9pm on Friday. For more about the venue call 01304 203300.

Covers band definitely won't Sabotage tunes

FOR a great night of live music, catch Sabotage live in Dover this weekend.

The five-piece band plays a variety of classic pop/punk, indie and rock hits. Find out more about them by visiting the website at www.sabotagetheband.co.uk.

Sabotage will be playing at The King Edward VII in Goschen Road on Saturday. For more details about the venue call the pub on 07733 478271.

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The Ambience are ready to make an even bigger noise

■ BY SIMON ROBINSON

IF there was a musical Ronseal Award for 'doing exactly what they say on the tin' it would most definitely go to The Ambience.

The Medway-based five-piece describe their sound as "ambient, indie, shoegaze". It stands to reason.

If only other bands and artists followed suit. The Kaiser Chiefs would be known as All Our Songs Sound the Same, McFly would be re-named Busted Part Two and James Blunt... well, we'll leave that one there.

But I digress. The Ambience will be playing at The Beacon Court Tavern, Gillingham, on Saturday. Support on the night comes from Let Our Enemies Beware.

The Ambience's guitarist Matt Ashdown said fans can expect to hear a number of new tracks, including forthcoming single Starrs.

He said: "You can expect a bigger sound from The Ambience as, musically, our new stuff has delved further into shoegaze and post-rock territory.

"Lots of noises and extra reverb pedals – for ear melting purposes. We're trying to bridge the gap between our accessible sound and our 'wall of sound' dabbling, which is why we're wanting to play gigs with bands like Let Our Enemies Beware – so that people can maybe hear us with a different mindset."

"Let Our Enemies Beware are a band I've put on myself several times now and I love what they do."

The Canterbury Street venue has filled its August gig diary, with Feed the Rhino, Maker



UP FRONT: The Ambience (above) will be supported by Let Our Enemies Beware (right) at Beacon Court Tavern

and The Kids Unique all set to headline in the coming weeks.

Beacon Court bosses have also booked Snakebite – a Whitesnake tribute band – to perform. For more information visit www.beaconcourttavern.co.uk.

BEACON COURT LINE-UP

Saturday , August 8 – The Ambience, Sparrows, Let Our Enemies Beware, £3

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Friday 21 – Maker plus support, £4

Saturday 22 – Snakebite, Whitesnake tribute, £5

Saturday 29 – The Kids Unique plus guests, £4



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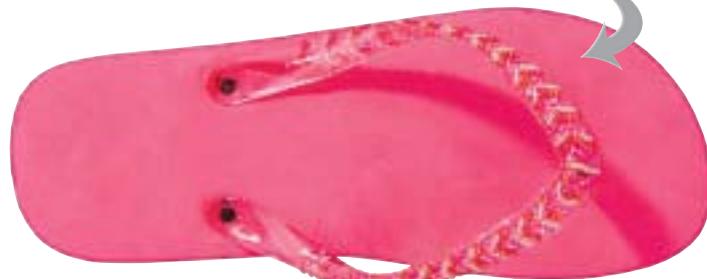
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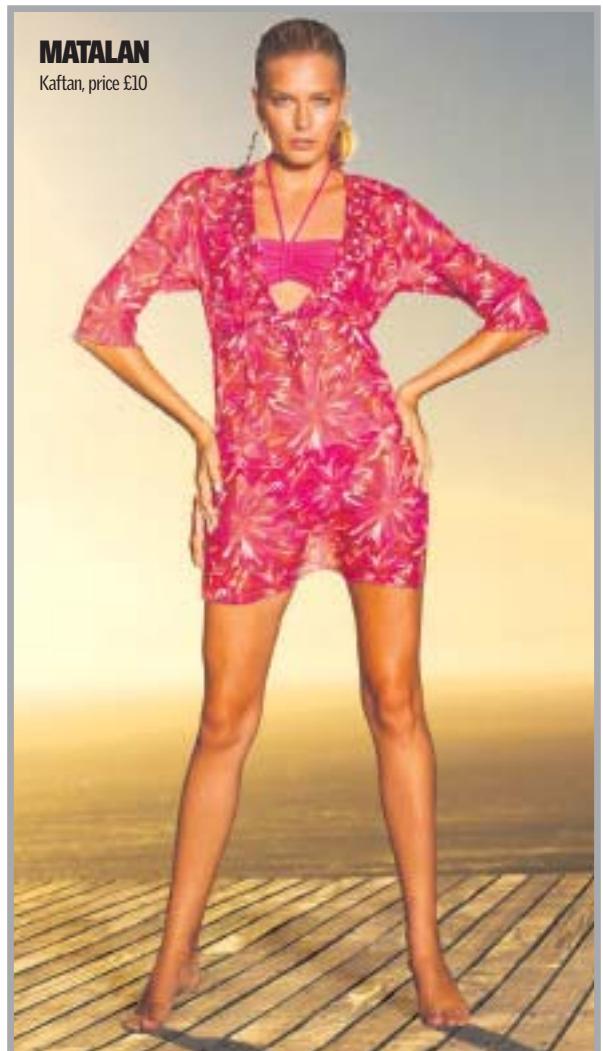


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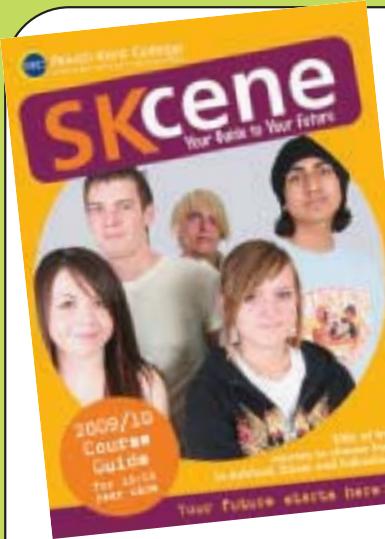
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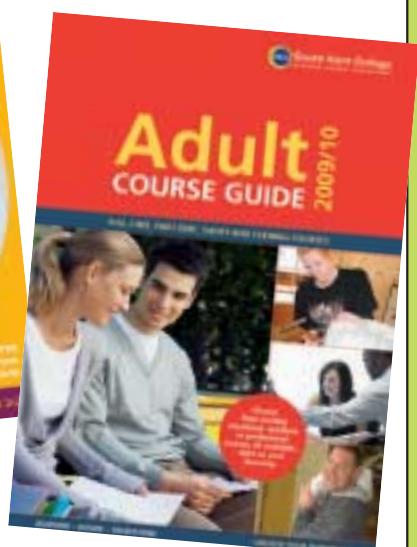
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YOUR TV REVIEW

■ BY TOM BETTS

 **DICKINSON'S REAL DEAL**
ITV1, 2pm, weekdays
TOP GEAR
BBC Two

WE are being swamped with shows about antiques.

Bargain Hunt, Cash in the Attic, Flog It... the list goes on.

I didn't know there were enough people in Britain with an interest in pointless old stuff to justify the deluge, but then maybe there are just too many people with too much time on their hands.

Having left Bargain Hunt, the show which made him famous, David Dickinson has returned to the fold to front his own show.

He stopped Hunting to move on to bigger and better things, but it cannot have taken off as he'd hoped.

It's a bit like when a star of EastEnders leaves to "take Hollywood by storm" only to make no impact and return to our screens three years later looking sheepish and embarrassed in trash like Hotel Babylon.

It sticks to the well-worn formula and The Duke is clearly in his element, acting it up, looking as tanned as ever and sporting the kind of bouffant hair that should require some kind of licence.

But you have to ask the question: does anyone really care if Bob and Margaret from Poole try to make a £10 profit on some bit of old toot picked up at the local bore-fest?

This is the TV equivalent of junk mail, pointless and uninteresting.

It's quite a well-known fact that The Duke spent three years in prison for fraud as a young man, but he never served time at Her Majesty's pleasure for crimes against television. He should have done – he would



FOR REAL? David Dickinson's back on our TVs

have received a life sentence.

I am not a huge car person, but have always watched and enjoyed Top Gear. The reason it became so popular was because it did something with cars that no one else was doing and revelled in doing the outrageous.

However, the formula is so tried and tested, after umpteen series, that it all feels a little by the numbers now and, for me, a lot of the fun has been drained out of it.

The races and challenges have started to get predictable, and that was a key element of the show.

It's still pulling in huge viewing figures, but the series ended on Sunday and I hope they manage to come up with a few new ideas for the next one to keep things fresh.

Also, it's hard to take tips on what is cool and uncool from men dressed as badly, and with such bad haircuts, as Messrs Clarkson, Hammond and May.



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AQUARIUS (Jan 21-Feb 19) OVERINDULGING in food and drink is taking a toll on your health. It's hard to find the energy for things you need to do when your system is overtaxed. Stay away from friends who encourage bad habits. Don't be surprised if several would-be wooers come out of the woodwork.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Aquarius** 09067-531762



PISCES (Feb 20-Mar 20) PEER pressure could be stopping you doing something you love. Don't be so self-conscious about doing what you want to do. Who cares what others think? A close friend gives you an added dose of courage. Stick close to them when it comes to pursuing a cherished dream.

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CANCER (Jun 23-Jul 22) THE temptation to use your sex appeal to manipulate others is overwhelming. You know how much a person admires you. Pretending to share their feelings will be a cruel deception. You're better off appealing to their rational side. That way, nobody can accuse you of being underhanded.

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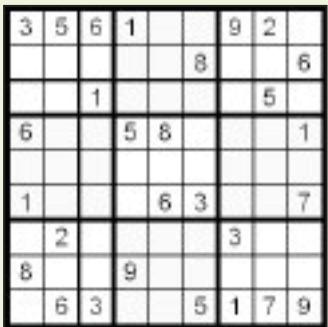
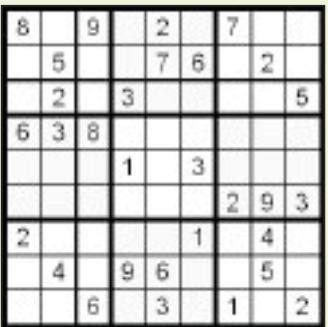
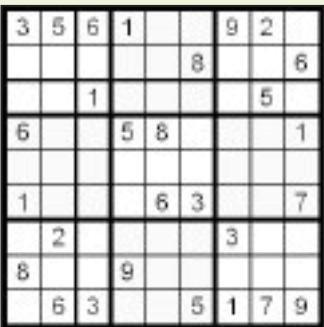
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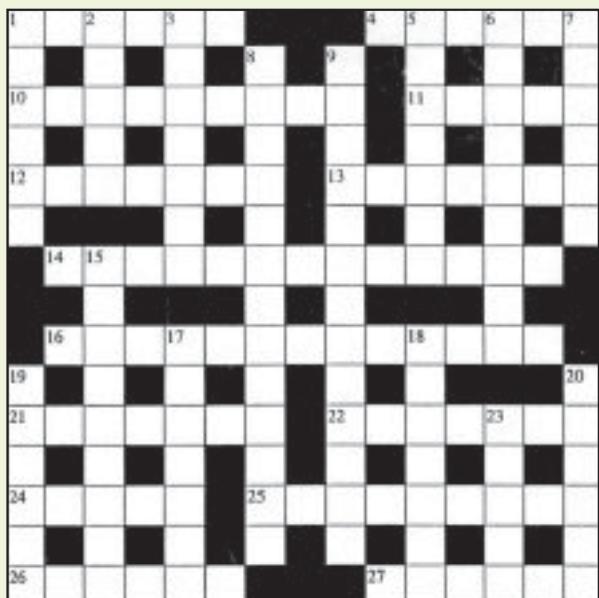
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EASY**MEDIUM****HARD****CRYPTIC CLUES****ACROSS**

- 1 Odd collection of Biblical characters (3-3)
- 4 Queen isn't commonly fanciful (6)
- 10 Face irate eccentric in eatery (9)
- 11 Became motionless when water became ice (5)
- 12 Symbolic maths (7)
- 13 Considered even if before time (7)
- 14 Choosing the best fruit? (6-7)
- 16 With little warning by ad! (2,5,6)
- 21 Eggs returned to rotter who had nothing more than a pear (7)
- 22 One flying in from Granada via Torremolinos (7)
- 24 Picture fashionable clique (5)
- 25 Fortright ditch worker (9)
- 26 Being cunning in a vulpine way (6)
- 27 At college my clue was cracked (6)

DOWN

- 1 Sailor gave most of beer to the beast (6)
- 2 Obscure expeditionary force leaders in unstable ground (5)
- 3 Commander to be right for a month (7)
- 5 Remove clothing from the cloth (7)
- 6 Artificial origin can materialise (9)
- 7 Score five boundaries (6)
- 8 Big place on Isle of Wight or in Norfolk (5,8)
- 9 Beast damaging mat in cable-car! (8,5)
- 15 Beat a shot in cricket (3,3)
- 17 Become cheerful near the disaster (7)
- 18 Nervous idiot going over churchyard (7)
- 19 Seaman provided female with price list (6)
- 20 Promote movement not round for the time being (3,3)
- 23 In Sumatra Denis to do business (5)

SCRIBBLE HERE**QUICK CLUES****ACROSS**

- 1 Opinion (6)
- 4 Frequent fliers (3,3)
- 10 Contrariwise (4,5)
- 11 Trio (5)
- 12 Spiced herring (7)
- 13 Kind son (anag.) (3-4)
- 14 Flash of light (13)
- 16 Actually (2,5,2,4)
- 21 Avoiding contact with others (7)
- 22 Canal footway (7)
- 24 Two pints (5)
- 25 Food (9)
- 26 Lure (6)
- 27 Fanatic (6)

DOWN

- 1 Braved (anag.) (6)
- 2 Talkative (5)
- 3 Primitive person (7)
- 5 Having died out (7)
- 6 Delete (6,3)
- 7 With it (6)
- 8 Writing a letter (8,1,4)
- 9 Informal name for Mississippi (8,5)
- 15 Russian astronaut (9)
- 17 Inhabitant of largest continent (7)
- 18 Not a tall building (3-4)
- 19 Person from NE Spain (6)
- 20 Isle in NE Kent (6)
- 23 Gazelle (5)

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS**SUDOKU SOLUTIONS No98****EASY****MEDIUM****HARD**

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HARRY POTTER AND THE HALF-BLOOD PRINCE (12A)



With the evil Voldemort on the rise, the students at Hogwarts have to be ever more vigilant about who is among them.

BRÜNO (18)



Sacha Baron Cohen adopts the role of gay, crass, insolent fashionista Brüno from Austria, who tours the US looking to set up unsuspecting locals with his outrageous brand of 'interviewing'.

THE PRIVATE LIVES OF PIPPA LEE (15)



Robin Wright Penn stars as Pippa Lee, a woman heading for a mental breakdown after moving to a retirement village with her older husband, and subsequently has an affair with her friend's son.

Denzel's weighty role is not what doctor ordered

■ BY SHEREEN LOW

ACTOR Denzel Washington has managed to stay under the radar for more than a year.

Since the release of American Gangster and The Great Debaters in 2007, the Oscar-winning star has enjoyed a rare period of peace away from the glare of publicity.

"Between films I just get on with my normal life," says the 54-year-old, proudly.

Washington, who has been married to wife Paulette for 25 years and has four grown-up children, is clear on how he has achieved what many celebrities can only dream of – managing to live his personal life in private and not splashed all over the tabloids.

"My life is kind of regular, private and normal," he admits, with an unapologetic shrug.

The sole reason for doing this interview is to promote his new nail-biting thriller, The Taking Of Pelham 123.

In the remake of the 1974 movie, he plays Walter Garber, a New York City subway dispatcher who gets caught in the middle of hostage negotiations during a subway hijacking.

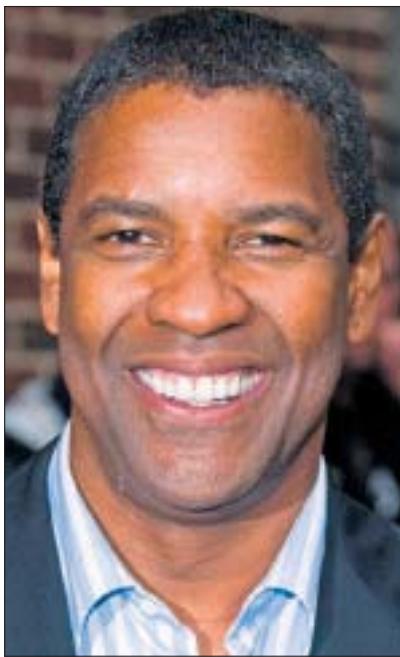
"After playing Frank Lucas in American Gangster, I wasn't looking to play a big-time drug dealer next and that was my only criteria for this one," he explains.

The respected actor-director is almost unrecognisable because he had to pile on the pounds to play Walter, an opportunity he made the most of.

"I had been heading that way and so I went with it and kept going," Washington revealed.

"You just don't exercise, eat late, have that burger, fries, shake and dessert, and you can get there really easy!"

He adds: "I embraced it and really liked that



WEIGHT LIMIT: Washington had to pile on the pounds

aspect of this character that made him human and normal, struggling with the same things we all struggle with."

The extra weight – combined with a recent operation – posed a few problems for the actor, especially during the running scenes.

"I had just had knee surgery and it was heavily wrapped and the last thing the doctor said was, 'Don't do any running,'" he recalls.

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"When you see me run, that is 18 or 19 takes of me running really hard so that was challenging because then your ego is involved and you are thinking, 'I can't be out here huffing and puffing and looking bad', even though I'm overweight and had surgery."

Washington, who was raised in New York but now lives in Los Angeles, admits he enjoyed returning to his home town for the shoot.

"I've done a lot of movies in New York and to me, it was like home," he reminisces.

The Taking Of Pelham 123 teams Washington with John Travolta for their first on-screen adventure together.

"I didn't know him, but I'd met him before. It was an interesting relationship and interesting the way it developed, the way it did in the film."

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PROPERTY NEWS

Council tax hike feared for homes with a view

HOMEOWNERS with properties having sea views or outlooks over rivers could end up paying more council tax, according to a national newspaper.

A story in the Daily Telegraph says the country's 22 million homes are being valued for council tax purposes on a range of factors including views, proximity to parks or the peacefulness of the street on which they are located.

The newspaper claims at least 100,000 homes have already been identified for higher taxes on the basis of their views and the information is being used to 'code' each property, which is expected to be used to set council tax after the next election.

The story says there are growing fears that Labour will increase council tax for millions of middle-class homeowners if the party is re-elected.

Every property in England is currently placed into one of eight council tax bands, depending on its value.

These valuations are based on property prices of the early 1990s, long before the property market boom.

Council tax bills for each band are then set by individual local authorities.

A revaluation was due to be conducted in 2007, but was postponed until after the next election. The Government has consistently denied conducting a national council tax revaluation.

The Valuation Agency, which rates properties for council tax, said it was important to maintain an accurate database.

Fall in average time it takes to sell a property

HOUSE prices were unchanged in July for the third month running, housing market analyst Hometrack said, suggesting the slump in the property sector may finally have come to an end.

Hometrack's monthly survey has reported zero per cent changes to house prices in May, June and July, but the analyst said it had seen some positive signs of an up-turn over the past four weeks.

The number of new buyers registering with estate agents rose by 2.8 per cent last month, Hometrack said, while the average time on the market for a property before selling fell to nine weeks, from 9.4 weeks in June.

Just three per cent of postcodes nationwide saw a decline in average prices, it added, while the typical buyer is now achieving a sale price of 91.5 per cent of their asking price.



Conflicting reports over state of housing market

■ BY NICK AMES

GOOD housing news has emerged in recent days following the release of the latest figures for the property market.

Property website Rightmove has reported a 0.6 per cent rise in asking prices in July, taking the average vendor's stated amount to £227,864.

The property portal suggests that given June's slight fall of 0.4 per cent, the UK housing market could remain in a 'steady state' during the second half of 2009.

However, experts are warning people not to get too carried away as they have introduced cautionary notes to a recent upsurge in values – while some forecasts say the market will not be fully stable for three years.

According to Rightmove, the best time to pick up a bargain may have passed already, with a 'price undershoot' at the end of 2008, that appears to have rectified itself this spring.

The firm's commercial director Miles Shipside said: "There is now clear evidence that there were some fire sale prices last winter, when a few brave buyers correctly called the bottom of the market."

Furthermore, buyer activity on Rightmove's website has not seen the normal June and July tail-off, with the number of pages viewed remaining at 97 per cent of its spring high, compared to 79 per cent during the same period of last year.

July has also seen the number of new sellers at its highest so far this year, at 21,364.

While the figure is still well below the historic norm of around 35,000, it represents a 20 per cent increase on the same period of 2008.



WHAT'S THE TRUTH? Leading property website Rightmove claims the housing market will remain 'steady' for 2009

However, Mr Shipside added: "Many properties sold so far this year have been empty and therefore their sellers have lower price expectations."

"This new batch of more discretionary sellers will be under less financial pressure to negotiate, but must accept that their buyer will be looking to do a deal as much as they are."

But other predictions are not so optimistic.

The National Institute of Economic and Social Research is predicting that the UK housing market will only return to growth in 2012.

The forecast, from Britain's oldest independent economic research body, says that recent reports of 'green shoots' are purely down to a lack of properties for sale and will be short-lived.

With mortgage approvals for house buyers having plummeted 40 per cent on a year ago and showing a 65 per cent decline on pre-credit crisis days, the institute dismisses talk of house price stabilisation and recovery.

It states it will be three years before the market returns to a buoyant level.

Developer targeting those looking to rent

A PROPERTY developer is offering homes to buy at a cost of around £82 per week.

Hillreed Homes is targeting those looking at committing to a six or 12-month rental agreement by offering brand new apartments in Maidstone available for £331 per calendar month.

The apartments are at Orchard House, Hazlitt Drive, and have just been completed by the developers

They are described by Hillreed as: "Contemporary, high quality one and two-bedroom apartments serviced by a lift to all floors within an area of established, suburban houses, creating a quiet environment in which to live."

"First-time buyers often do not realise that owning their own home and getting on the property ladder is not as daunting as they think," said Jo Richards, marketing and corporate manager.

"A global recession like the one we are experiencing is virtually unprecedented, so those who take advantage of the lower priced properties will, within a year or two, really come to realise what a superb purchase they have made in terms of capital growth."

"As a company established over 30 years and with head offices in the heart of Maidstone, we have worked closely with buyers in Kent for many years."

"We understand their dreams and aspirations, and build homes to meet these needs."

"During the recent months when things have been tough we have been able to offer help in a variety of ways, including offering the services of our financial advisors who give independent advice on the best products available."

"For homes up to £250,000 the company will subsidise your mortgage interest rate down to three per cent for two years."

"We have also been nurturing the 'Bank of Mum and Dad' as we realised that assistance from parents could be a successful investment for both parties particularly

as interest on conventional savings accounts is very small.

"With property prices at their lowest for some years, but with prices 'bottoming out', parents have found this an interesting investment opportunity."

The company said news deals on mortgages mean now is an excellent time to start looking at buying a first home.

Ms Richards added: "Renting is a no-win situation for a tenant."

"You are no further forward in terms of actual worth and your rent could go up. Buying a home and having control of your destiny is without doubt the way forward for most people."

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- Garage
- No chain

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- Superb decorative order
- Large rear garden

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- Large rear garden

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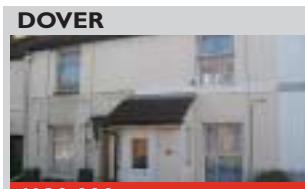
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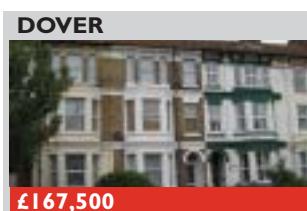
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Caring and honest lady, 25, blue eyes, blonde hair, looking for a sweet, caring and respectful non-smoking man, 25-35, for love, friendship and LTR. Box 879522 **T**

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Attractive, down-to-earth British-Indian single mum, 29, WLTM white British male, 29-34, no ties, for long-term relationship. Box 883431 **T**

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Loving loyal female, 30, blue eyes, brown hair, seeking LTR with male 30-35, 5ft+, baggagé, in the Maidstone area. Box 448447 **T**

A FAIRYTALE ENDING!

Princess Fiona, 34, looking to meet her Shrek, 5ft8, short/brown blonde hair, blue eyes, large build, seeks romantic caring guy for friendship, maybe! Box 877957 **T**

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Sporty female, 34, 5ft2, likes the gym, beach walks, Tennis and cycling, wltm similar male in his 30s for friendship in Eastbourne. Box 453712

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Petite lady, 36, long hair, blue eyes, single mom, enjoys holidays, dining and dining, laughing, seeks loyal, fun male for friendship and more. Box 453079 **T**

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Black Christian girl, 39, likes country music, loving, considerate, kind and caring, looking for a like-minded man, 32-50, with a pretty inside. Box 453066 **T**

SOUND GOOD?

Country girl, 43, 5ft6, medium build, long natural aurum colour hair, green eyes, seeks man for colour relationship, fun, smiles and good times! Battle Box 878304 **T**

LIVE LIFE TO THE FULL

Good-looking brunette from Kent, 43, 5ft10, likes bowling, eating in/out etc. Looking for a good-looking guy, 35-45, with gsoh for friendship/relationship. Box 450348 **T**

YOU NEVER KNOW

Kind, loving and caring mum, 43, 5ft5, round but cuddly! Just looking for someone to share my life with...how about you? St. Leonards-on-Sea. Box 444645 **T**

GENUINE REPLIES ONLY

Bubbly female, 44, Brunette, 5ft6, medium/large build, enjoys singing and theatre. Would love to meet a decent fun-loving guy, similar size, pref non-smoker for LTR. Box 449555 **T**

THAT SPECIAL SOMEONE

Lovely upbeat lady, 44, loves cinema, dancing and WLTM a non-smoker who's that special someone to spend my life with. Maidstone. Box 454991 **T**

TLR ON OFFER FOR THE RIGHT PERSON!

Blonde, blue eyed woman, 44, fun-loving, looking for Mr Right. I love going out nights in, movies, walking, local gigs. WLTM the right man for TLC. Box 877926 **T**

CARING & PROFESSIONAL

Female 49, 5ft4, long hair, slim build, likes eating out, the beach, travel, sees a friendly chap, 45-55. Hastings Box 471100 **T**

LOVE TO MEET YOU

Kind woman, 42, outgoing, happy-go-lucky sometimes she's like gardening, socialising, travel, walks. Looking for happy, fun fella. Aylesford Box 428464 **T**

THIS STATE OF INDEPENDENCE

Hard-working female, 41, 5ft4", bubbly, independent woman, love to laugh, socialising with friends, looking for independent man who values TLC. Box 414156 **T**

YOUNG-AT-HEART

Attractive 38 year old female, dark brown hair blue eyes, curvy physique, likes days out, music, concerts, cinema, walking, cycling, sees loving, fun male, for friendship/relationship. Box 901693 **T**

A NICE BOTTLE OF WINE

Lovely, glossy blonde, 39yr old, petite, bubbly and loving, enjoys theatre, music, eating out, WLTM a professional, loving and tactile male for a relationship. Box 442551 **T**

JOINED AT THE HIP

Socially petite girl with great SOH, 40, blonde, sociable, love football! Looking for fun guy with great SOH for inseparable partnership. Box 880434 **T**

PERFECT MATCH

I'm Nikki, 5ft7, brown hair, green eyes, enjoys animals especially my pets. Looking for a tall man who has a personality compatible with mine Box 453374 **T**

SMILE!

Looking for a fun-loving guy for a LTR. I'm 41, works as a dental nurse, easy to get on with, always up for fun times. Sittingbourne Box 458482 **T**

THE WIT TO WOO!

Lovely female, 36, 5ft4, medium/large build, blonde hair, blue eyes, own house, loves walking, going out, the usual! Seeking male for long-term/serious relationship. Box 438102 **T**

SEEZE THE DAY

Loving female, 36, 5ft4, brown hair, green eyes, likes socialising, staying in, sees genuine male for friendship and more. Box 428666 **T**

BETWEEN US

Asian lady, 41, single, no ties, outgoing, fun-loving, professional, looking for white male, genuine, professional and solvent. Box 451900 **T**

FOR A RELATIONSHIP?

Shy but confident-once-known female, 40, likes socialising, tennis, walks, swimming; seeks gent with similar interests to find hopeful love with. Box 452106 **T**

I SHOULD BE SO LUCKY

Hello I'm Karen, 42, dark brown hair, medium build, gsoh, looking for a man with no issues and gsoh who can enjoy life with me. Box 452204 **T**

HELLO EVERYONE!

Single dog-owner, 42, fun-loving, kind and loyal, likes meals out, weekends away, country walks. WLTM a non-smoking guy to share it all with. Seaford Box 454567 **T**

BELLA ISABEL

Lovely, fun and caring blonde, 42, recently divorced, intelligent, hard working, fun-loving, WLTM a gentle man to have for a friendship. Maidstone Box 454176 **T**

HEART AND SOUL

Easy-going single mum, 46, 5ft4, size 12/14, likes bowling, gardening, swimming, looking for a man, 35-49, slim/medium build with similar interests. Maidstone Box 453042 **T**

MAID MARIAN:

Hi I'm Marian, petite, blonde, green eyes, 46, looking for my Mr Right, to have fun with and enjoy lasting relationship with Box 447986 **T**

SOUND GOOD?

Hi I'm Lynne 46, 5ft4, dark hair/eyes, love reading/writing, going out, astrology, cars; seeking honest, caring, outgoing guy to enjoy music, fun, friendship and more! Box 449186 **T**

ARE YOU THE ONE FOR ME?

Caring, cute female, 46, petite, likes socialising, dancing, travelling, good food, seeking intelligent, loyal man 42-52 for love and TLC. Seaford. Box 444366 **T**

HELP ME OPEN UP

Easy-going lady, 46, dark brown hair/blue eyes, medium build, likes life, socialising, the seaside, walks, drinks, WLTM male to share a bottle of wine with. Box 448565 **T**

BE MY FRIEND AND LOVER

Bubbly, caring lady, 47, divorced with 2 teenagers, dark hair, medium build, likes cooking, driving, love to talk, laugh and have fun, seeking a normal guy Box 452952 **T**

ARE YOU LOVING & CARING?

Young 48 year old, loving, caring, very bubbly, 5ft5, medium build, blonde, blue eyes, likes clubs, cinema, eating out, cosy nights, good company Box 434089 **T**

CARING & PROFESSIONAL

Female 49, 5ft4, long hair, slim build, likes eating out, the beach, travel, sees a friendly chap, 45-55. Hastings Box 452329 **T**

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JUST IMAGINE

Petite, bubbly, friendly, easy-going single mum, 49, enjoys cinema, eating out, socialising, the seaside, WLTM genuine male, to see where life takes us! Box 893562 **T**

HIT THE JACKPOT

Good-looking female, 50, looking for a kind, reliable and honest man, must be a moderate drinker, for companionhip and romance. Box 441622 **T**

STARTING OVER

Divorced 45yr old cuddly woman, brown eyes/hair, likes swimming, animals, cinema, soaps, the beach. WLTM a honest, non-smoking man for friendship, maybe more. Ashford Box 878216 **T**

LOVELY BUBBLY

Short 51yr old professional lady, likes history, films and reading, a genuine gent, 45-58, with gsoh to enjoy evenings out, stimulating conversations and fun. Box 452311 **T**

GENUINE LADY

Attractive lady, 60's, Hastings, slim, 5ft9, I like animals, walking and socialising; I have a GSOH, and WLTM a tall gent, for friendship, maybe LTR. Box 452897 **T**

NEARLY FOUND

Tall, slim, fair-haired lady, 68, sociable but lonely and looking to meet a man to take a special place in my life. Folkestone. Box 454993 **T**

TRUSTWORTHY

Margate man, 37, 6ft3, dark hair, nice big build. I work in residential care which I love. I'm down-to-earth, kind, tactile, with a GSOH. Box 423437 **T**

HOP ON!

Hi I'm Mark, 6ft, slim/medium build, lots of interests including motocycles, WLTM a kind and honest female to share fun times and laughter with. Box 445124 **T**

JUST A GIRL

Bubbly, feminine, attractive lady seeking the same! I'm 38, slim, athletic, blonde hair/blue eyes, I'm 28, and WLTM similar female. Box 878997 **T**

FUN AND MAYBE MORE

Passionate female, 37, new to town, WLTM passionate, genuine, companions to socialise with, go out, and have some fun, then see what happens. Ashford. Box 880564 **T**

TLR ON OFFER

Good-looking man, 40, 5ft7, medium build, dark hair/blue eyes, like travelling, sport and adventures, looking to socialise with, go out, for fun. Sittingbourne Box 458482 **T**

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MOTORS NEWS



Panda population hits the 1.5 million mark

FIAT'S Panda economy car has passed the 1.5 million production mark.

It still has a long way to go and will probably never beat the VW Beetle – 21-plus million were produced without major changes from 1938 to 2003 – because Fiat will surely develop an all-new version to stay competitive in today's fast-changing market. Nevertheless, it's impressive for a car launched just six years ago.

The former European Car of the Year has also supplied the underpinnings of the current cult car, the Fiat 500.

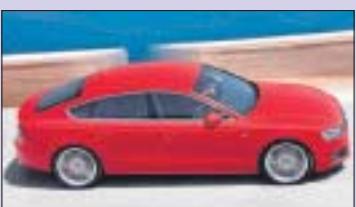


Peugeot attacking all fronts with crossover

PEUGEOT says its new 3008 crossover will be available from November starting at £15,995.

Clearly inspired by the Nissan Qashqai, the versatile newcomer is expected to rival many cars that offer elements of its high-riding SUV cum MPV style, such as the VW Golf Plus, Citroën C4 Picasso, VW Tiguan and Ford Focus C-Max.

It will be pitched as "a conventional car for daily use, the family car for weekends and holidays and the adventurous vehicle for those with an active lifestyle".



Audi launches practical yet stylish new number

AUDI is effectively launching an A4 hatchback, but billing it as a five-door version of the closely related A5 coupé.

Furthermore, it will enjoy a sexier label than 'hatchback' when it arrives in October priced from £25,440 – Audi has applied the 'Sportback' suffix already used to glamourise the five-door A3.

Industry watchers are now arguing whether it will attract new sales for Audi or simply cannibalise existing sales of the A4 saloon or its Avant estate sister – its boot capacity almost equals the latter.



COMEBACK TRAIL: Ford will be hoping that its new green machine the Mondeo ECOgetic will claw back some of the sales it lost in a sector which, until fairly recently, it dominated

Greener Mondeo aims to claw back its sector

ROAD TEST FORD MONDEO

■ BY STEVE LOADER

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Green rating	★★★★★

is an austerity model. Add-ons include dual-zone automatic temperature control, Bluetooth connectivity with voice control for the phone and sound system, cruise control, seven airbags and heated front windscreens.

The new engine option supplements the existing 1.8-litre, 125PS (123bhp) Mondeo ECOgetic, but feels a lot smoother and should help Ford boost its eco-friendly sub-brand this year – more Mondeo customers bought an ECOgetic in the first five months of 2009 than throughout 2008.

The well-spaced six-speed change feels slick and underpins the Mondeo driving experience.

Handling is slightly compromised by harder compound tyres, but the ECOgetic comes with ESP (electronic stability control) and emergency brake assist for extra sure-footedness.

There is also the 'standard-fit' space and versatility of the Mondeo cabin, but Vauxhall has its own green rival – the Insignia ecoFLEX – and both are shadowed by the BMW 3-Series, which comes with a fuel-saving, emissions-cutting EfficientDynamics eco package as standard, is coveted by company car users and also pleases fleet managers and lease companies with its low depreciation.



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USED CAR ROUND-UP:

OUR PICK FROM A KEY SECTOR

VALUE SUPERMINIS

SUPERMINIS are the 'go to' sector for new and used car buyers as the recession forces us all to review our motoring budget. Are there any bargains to be had though, and values continue to rise? Well, there is not much in it, but here are three cars that might fit the bill, being reasonably priced and reliable too – you don't want to save money on a purchase only to have the gains wiped out by more expensive maintenance. They all do their job as small, but roomy all-rounders too.

SKODA FABIA



BADGE snobs have had Skoda jibes stuffed down their throats as the Czech brand continues to score in customer satisfaction surveys – its cars are cheap to repair too. The sweet handling Fabia comes only in five-door hatch and ugly estate formats, but there is plenty of other choice on engine and trim – there is even an impressive diesel vRS hot hatch version. The VW-derived diesels are economy kings, but do not ignore the cheaper to buy petrol models.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Quality	★★★★★

HYUNDAI GETZ



REPLACED earlier this year by the i20, the Getz signalled Hyundai's arrival on the European market, with a modern super-mini. It does not excel in any area, but neither does the Korean car fall short anywhere either. Available in three- and five-door form with a five-year warranty, it has some engines in road tax band-B, including an efficient diesel. Securing a good deal – with some warranty intact – should not be hard either, though reliability is not a worry.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Quality	★★★★★

NISSAN MICRA



BORING Nissan? Well, the current Micra has blown that myth apart. This is the supermini that says you don't have to conform to style to be space-efficient and you don't need a French badge to be chic – although Renault now owns Nissan. The Micra still turns heads and looks 'right' in three or five-door form. It's affordable and reliable, available with excellent diesels and marketed with stylish trim in the dearer versions. There are even some performance models.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Quality	★★★★★

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NP300, 2.5dCi 133 4x4, ov58auw, cloth, carbon, chrome front grille, driver's airbag, electric front windows, extended cab with opening windows, front fog lamps, heated rear window, nats immobiliser system, passenger airbag, power assisted steering (pas), single cd player, tilt adjustable steering wheel, blade silver, 10000 miles, £11495.000, Canterbury, 01227 766777 (TRADE)

NP300, 2.5dCi 133 4x4, ov58bwv, cloth, grey, chrome front grille, driver's airbag, electric front windows, external lashing hooks, front fog lamps, nats immobiliser system, passenger airbag, power assisted steering (pas), single cd player, tilt adjustable steering wheel, alabaster white, 3000 miles, £1095.000, Canterbury, 01227 766777 (TRADE)

PATHFINDER, nh08vc, cloth, carbon, 17" alloy wheels, abs with electric brake distribution, all mode 4x4, brake assist, cd autochanger, chrome front grille, driver's airbag, electric heated door mirrors, electric windows, electronic stability program (esp), front fog lamps, front side airbags, height adjustable driver's seat, isofix anchorage points, leather gear lever, leather steering wheel, nats immobiliser system, part coloured bumpers, passenger airbag, privacy glass (rear side windows), remote audio controls, remote central locking, roof rails, technology pack, ultrasonic and perimetric alarm, black, 11000 miles, £18995.000, Canterbury, 01227 766777 (TRADE)

PIMASTAR, 2.0dCi 115 SE 2700 SWB Low Roof, gk09ac, cloth, contemporary, 12v power socket, 2 cupholders, abs with brake assist, air-conditioning, cd radio with 6 speakers, driver's airbag, electric/door mirrors, electric windows, front armrest (driver only), front fog lamps, full metal bulkhead, high mounted stop lamp, nats (nissan anti-theft system), nearside sliding door, rear park sensor, white, 20 miles, £10495.000, Canterbury, 01227 766777 (TRADE)

PRIMERA, Si, 1997, red, 0 miles, £995, Dover, 01304 242324 (TRADE)

PEUGEOT

206, hdi, 2002, grey, 0 miles, £3595, Dover, 01304 242324 (TRADE)

206, GTi 2.0 16v, 2005, silver with charcoal leather, 28000 miles, £5495, Strood, 01634 296688 (TRADE)

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406, v6, 2000, silver, 0 miles, £1295, Dover, 01304 242324 (TRADE)

PROTON

SAVVY, 1.2 Style 5dr, rx06cxg, adjustable seats, air conditioning, alloy wheels, driver airbag, electric windows, foglights, head restraints, folding rear seats, immobiliser, park distance control, passenger airbag, power assisted steering, remote locking, radio/cd, rear headrests, red, 17500 miles, £4495, Sittingbourne, 01795 429802 (TRADE)

RENAULT

CLIO, 1.2 16V Dynamique 3dr Air Conditioning, lv09lgy, adjustable seats, adjustable steering

column/wheel, air conditioning, alloy wheels, computer, driver airbag, electric mirrors, electric windows, foglights, head restraints, folding rear seats, immobiliser, passenger airbag, power assisted steering, remote locking, side airbags, radio/cd, rear headrests, insurance group 3, black, 1400 miles, £1995, Sittingbourne, 01795 429802 (TRADE)

LAGUNA, 2.0 16V Initiale 5dr, gl08fb, adjustable seats, adjustable steering column/wheel, alloy wheels, central locking, climate control, computer, cruise control, driver airbag, electric mirrors, electric windows, foglights, head restraints, folding rear seats, immobiliser, passenger airbag, power assisted steering, remote locking, side airbags, radio/cd, rear headrests, insurance group 3, silver, 10195 miles, £1995, Sittingbourne, 01795426700 (TRADE)

FORTWO CABRIO PASSION, 2005, jack black, 32037 miles, £6299, Maidstone, 0845 481 6488 (TRADE)

front armrest, electrically adjustable seats, head restraints, headlight washers, folding rear seats, heated seats, leather seats, lumbar support, immobiliser, navigation system, park distance control, passenger airbag, power assisted steering, rear armrest, remote locking, side airbags, rear headrests, traction control, technical grey, 17350 miles, £13495, Sittingbourne, 01795 429802 (TRADE)

MEGANE, 2.0 VVT Privilege 2dr, ly04tuv, adjustable seats, adjustable steering column/wheel, alloy wheels, central locking, climate control, computer, driver airbag, electric mirrors, foglights, front armrest, head restraints, lumbar support, immobiliser, passenger airbag, power assisted steering, remote locking, side airbags, radio/cd, rear headrests, gold, 57650 miles, £6995, Sittingbourne, 01795 429802 (TRADE)

ROVER

25, iL 1.598cc 5 door, 2003, abs brakes sunroof central locking alarm driver's airbag power steering history check immobiliser electric windows, blue, 51350 miles, £3495, Sittingbourne, 01795 476222 (TRADE)

406, v6, 2000, silver, 0 miles, £1295, Dover, 01304 242324 (TRADE)

406, 1.6 GLX Hatchback 5d 1586cc, 07/2007, keyless start a/con radio/cd player front fog lights reversing aid alloy wheels heated door mirrors, turquoise metallic, 2500 miles, £6995, Folkestone, 01303 275795 (TRADE)

VITARA, 4u soft top, 2000, black, 0 miles, £1995, Dover, 01304 242324 (TRADE)

SUZUKI

SX4, 1.6 GLX Hatchback 5d 1586cc, 07/2007, keyless start a/con radio/cd player front fog lights reversing aid alloy wheels heated door mirrors, turquoise metallic, 2500 miles, £6995, Folkestone, 01303 275795 (TRADE)

SEADOO

XP BOMBARDIER, 1997, yellow, 0 miles, £1695, Dover, 01304 242324 (TRADE)

SEAT

LEON, 1.9TDi Reference, 2007, silver with charcoal trim, 34000 miles, £7995, Strood, 01634 296688 (TRADE)

SKODA

FABIA, 1.2 Comfort Hatchback 5d 1198cc, 04/2004, electric windows electric/door mirrors a/con radio/cd player pas abs, metallic silver, 30,000 miles, £4995, Folkestone, 01303 275795 (TRADE)

SMART

FORTWO, 1.5 cdi passion diesel, 2006, blue and silver with grey cloth interior, 14000 miles, £5950, Kent, 01795426700 (TRADE)

FORTWO CABRIO PASSION, 2005, jack black, 32037 miles, £6299, Maidstone, 0845 481 6488 (TRADE)

FORTWO CABRIO PASSION, 2009, silver metallic, 4000 miles, £9699, Maidstone, 0845 481 6488 (TRADE)

FORTWO COUPÉ GRANDSTYLÉ, 2006, racing green, 17350 miles, £5995, Maidstone, 0845 481 6488 (TRADE)

FORTWO COUPÉ PASSION, 2006, sugar candy pink, 7262 miles, £5999, Maidstone, 0845 481 6488 (TRADE)

FORTWO COUPÉ PULSE, 2008, deep black, 5000 miles, £6599, Maidstone, 0845 481 6488 (TRADE)

FORTWO COUPÉ PURE, 2009, ice white, 2500 miles, £6995, Maidstone, 0845 481 6488 (TRADE)

SUZUKI

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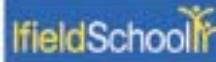
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WINNER: Wayne Parnell (right) celebrates with Rob Key during the Spitfires' Twenty20 Cup quarter-final win

Ferley back in action after knee surgery

AFTER two months out with a torn muscle on his right knee, bowler Rob Ferley made a return to action last week.

The left-arm spinner, 27, has had a stop start beginning to his second spell at the club after injury limited his pre-season preparations.

Ferley then suffered a small tear on his knee which required surgery.

The injury took longer to heal than expected and he made a return a second XI game last week.

The spinner, who re-signed for Kent from Nottinghamshire in the winter, played in the second team's draw with Gloucestershire at Cheltenham and is expected to step up his workload against Somerset at Beckenham this week.



DEMAND: More Kent Spitfire fans may get chance to see their team in Twenty20 finals day action

Spitfires in bid for extra finals tickets

AFTER a surge in sales, Kent are hopeful of receiving more tickets for Twenty20 Cup finals day at Edgbaston later this month.

The Spitfires have been handed just 1,400 for the showpiece event in Birmingham on August 15, although the county are hopeful they may be able to get some more if they sell their allocation.

Club chairman George Kennedy said: "I'm very disappointed about the number of tickets we have got but I know a lot of people have been buying them in advance."

"I am certainly hopeful that we will get some more that have come back from other counties."

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Parnell aims to repay Kent with Twenty20 glory

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WAYNE Parnell hopes to repay the faith Kent have shown in him by guiding the Spitfires to their second Twenty20 Cup triumph later this month.

The 20-year-old South African all-rounder has been cleared to play for the Spitfires at Twenty20 finals day on August 15, after successful discussions with Cricket South Africa led by Kent director of cricket, Graham Ford.

Parnell, who took two wickets in the 56-run quarter-final victory against Durham Dynamos last Monday, will return to South Africa after Kent's Championship game against Derbyshire, which ended on Monday.

The impressive left-arm fast bowler, who is in his second stint at Canterbury this summer, is excited by the chance to feature at the Edgbaston Twenty20 finals day and is determined to help the Spitfires lift the trophy for a second time.

He said: "The fact Kent have asked me back again is really promising, we've built up a good relationship and I hope I can repay them by doing well for them again at finals day."

"I'm really happy and I'm pretty chuffed about the fact I will be playing at finals day."

"I have done pretty well since I have been at Kent in two different stints now and I am hoping to continue with that."

"Hopefully I can finish the day off and my time at Kent off with a trophy."

"After a stunning performance with the ball on Monday in front of the biggest crowd at Canterbury's St Lawrence Ground since 1993, Parnell is eagerly anticipating another chance to impress in front of packed stands at Edgbaston."

He said: "The boys have told me it's the most amazing day so I am looking forward to it very much."



COMING HOME: Paul Farbrace (left) will take over from Graham Ford next season but will call upon the former director of cricket, who will still work with the club on a consultancy basis

Kent return too good to turn down, says Farbrace

CRICKET

■ BY GLENN PEARSON

FORMER Kent wicketkeeper Paul Farbrace turned down an extension to his contract as Sri Lanka's assistant coach to return to the county.

The 42-year-old replaces director of cricket Graham Ford, who has chosen not to return to Kent when his contract expires at the end of the season.

Farbrace, who takes over as head coach at Canterbury officially next season but will be with the squad from September 1, told this newspaper that a chance to be a first-team coach was too good an opportunity to turn down.

"They tried to make an attractive offer to keep me in Sri Lanka but for me the opportunity to be a first-team coach was too much, together with the lure of what Kent has to offer and to work with coaches at the club that I have previously," he said.

"It may look strange that I have come out of international cricket to go into county cricket, but it was all about making the right decision to help my career."

Although Ford departs at the end of the season to take over as head coach of South African state side Nashua Dolphins, Kent are optimistic the 48-year-old will still be available during the county season on a consultancy basis.

Having worked under Ford as director of Kent's Academy for two summers, Farbrace is eager to call on the experienced South African as and when he can.

"Graham Ford is a good man and I am glad that he is going to continue working with us," he said. "When I needed to make a decision about going to Sri Lanka he really helped and has been like a mentor to me. A big plus about this job is I will get to tap into his experience."

Farbrace, who was approached to take over at St Lawrence while he was in England with the Sri Lanka team during the ICC World Twenty20 in June, will join up with the squad next month.

He said: "It will be an opportunity to meet the players, take a look at the club's Academy youngsters and second-team players and decide if the squad needs strengthening for next summer."

The club are known to have put 28-day approaches in to speak to Leicestershire all-rounder Jim Allenby, Warwickshire bowler Naqaash Tahir and Worcestershire seamer Chris Whelan. The new head coach will have an input as to who will be arriving and departing after the summer.

He said: "I have been talking with Simon Willis and Graham Ford about players and have done for the past couple of weeks, and we have also talked about certain members of the playing staff."

"I will be involved with both of them seeing where we are at, who we need to bring in and if there are any other areas in the club that need strengthening."

The new coaching structure at the club will see coach Simon Willis take up a new role as cricket operations and talent development manager, which means he will manage the county's second XI and help nurture more young players into the first-team.



PROMISING: Folkestone Invicta look set to start the new season after successful negotiations to eliminate their debts

Invicta look to conquer debts in time for the new season

FINANCIALLY-troubled Folkestone Invicta are confident they will be in existence for the start of the Ryman South season, but face a ten-point penalty.

The club has been plagued by financial problems which became publicly known last season and have resulted in Invicta entering administration last month.

However, a possible takeover by a consortium made up of former Ashford Town chairman Mark Jenner and former board members Lynn Woods and Brian Merrymen, could help resolve the club's problems.

Invicta's biggest debt is to the Inland Revenue in unpaid taxes believed to be about £100,000,

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with a further £70,000 in separate arrears.

Folkestone released a statement last week to clarify the situation and are due to make a further announcement: "Following protracted negotiations conducted with HM Revenue and Customs through the club's appointed advisor, there is high confidence that an arrangement will be agreed within the next few days, which will effectively eliminate the state of indebtedness that has made it so difficult to plan ahead in recent times.

"Nothing is yet finalised, but

the club's members and supporters can be reassured there is now every reasonable expectation of Folkestone Invicta being able to take its place in the Ryman League for the coming season, albeit with a statutory ten-point deduction. The club will continue its work in the support of local junior and disability footballers."

Folkestone continued their fine pre-season form with a 2-1 win against Kent League side Erith & Belvedere, earning Invicta their fifth pre-season win on the bounce.

They complete their pre-season campaign hosting Hastings United on Thursday followed by a trip to Dartford this Saturday.



CHALLENGE: Dover boss Andy Hessianhaler (pictured right) is ready for the Blue Square South despite injuries to key defenders Danny Walder (left) and Jake Leberl

Walder and Leberl add to Dover's defensive issues

DOVER Athletic face a defensive dilemma ahead of their first game in the Blue Square South against Maidenhead with Danny Walder and Jake Leberl both picking up injuries.

The defensive duo picked up injuries in Dover's final pre-season friendly - a 3-1 win against Cray Wanderers on Saturday. Walder, who is yet to sign for the Whites, was stretchered off with a suspected broken leg, while Leberl pulled a calf muscle.

With fellow defenders Olly Schulz suspended for the first three games, Craig Cloke still recovering from a cruciate injury and Matt Fish recovering from shoulder surgery,

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■ BY TOM HOWARD

Hessianhaler admitted his defence is light. He told Yourdover: "Danny looks like he may have broken his leg as he was taken to hospital after the game, which is a blow.

"Jake on the other hand pulled his calf muscle so he will be 50-50 for the game, but we will have to wait and see.

"It could mean I will have to drop John Keister from midfield and play him at centre-half, which he is more than capable of doing."

The Dover boss is eagerly awaiting the trip

to Maidenhead this Saturday and is ready to take up the challenge of guiding the Whites to a possible third consecutive promotion. However, after two years of success at Crabble, he is urging the fans to be patient while the club gets to grips with the new division.

He said: "It is a big step for the club and it is one I am really excited about. This league is a better standard of football and that is no disrespect to the Ryman League. I think we have all had enough of pre-season and the players are ready to start the campaign."

"We have lost eight league games in the last two years, but I think the fans will have to be patient this year it is going to be a tougher challenge. However, consolidation is not a word in my dictionary and we will have a right go at getting promotion."

CATCH OF THE DAY



High hopes for the catch as tides rise

By TONY HILLS, a keen beach and boat angler with 50 years' experience fishing Dungeness and District and vice-chairman of the Dungeness Angling Association

We still have no sign of things settling down.

With sea temperatures only 17 degrees centigrade and south westerly fronts running through, it feels like a warm autumn.

I have had reports of codling (3lb) caught on the point, good sized silver eels, as well as whiting.

With spring tides towards the end of the week, Dungeness could be a brilliant daytime spot. The best bait still appears to be the fresh lugworm.

PIRATE SPRINGS AND LITTLESTON: With the rising tide sequence, things should look up on these venues. I would expect whiting to be the main target.

BACK OF THE BOATS: This most popular venue on the EA road should, through low water and on the rise, produce more decent soles as well as all the usual species.

DUNGENESS: We had a lot of weed last week. The good news is that we will have less in the autumn. Reports have been mixed, some days good others poor, it is the luck of the draw, but the secret is to keep trying. The back of the power stations should be worth trying for soles down towards the 'Diamond' if you don't mind the walk.

DENGE MARSH & GALLOWAYS: As the summer wears on, sole is still the main quarry with the growing tides this week. Try from low water to over high through dark, this should produce bass.

JURYS GAP: Chances of catching a decent fish should improve with the building tides. I have heard a few rumours that a few black breams are being caught.

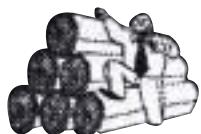
BOAT FISHING: The charter boats are still getting plaice out on the banks, pollack on the wrecks and bass on rough ground. Black bream should be the target this week. This area produces fish over 4lb. All we need is some gaps in the weather.

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